

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

B12A Bertelsmeyer Hall and via Zoom

12:00pm Wednesday, February 05, 2025

Present: Serhat Hosder, Gayla Olbricht, Irina Ivliyeva , Sarah Stanley, Haiming Wen, Jee-Ching Wang, Manashi Nath, Magdy Abdelrahman, Sahra Sedighsarvestani, Chang-Soo Kim, Kyle Perry, Weibing Gong, Katherine Grote, Michael Meagher, Cecil Chua, Frank Liou, Haiming Wen, Lana Alagha, Hyunsoo Kim, Edward Malone, Lijun Jiang, Jeffery Winiarz, Colin Potts, Garry Grubbs, Leticia Steffan, Susan Murray, Petra Dewitt, Steve Corns, Wan Yang

President L. Jiang called the meeting to order, 12:00 pm

1. Roll call
2. Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2024 meeting. Motion to approve: second: approved.
3. President's report
 - a. Parliamentary update – Any eligible person interested in serving is encouraged to contact the Graduate Faculty president.
4. End of Year Awards Committee
 - a. Submit Nominations/Self-Nominations for 2024-25 to mstgradfac@mst.edu by February 25.
 - b. Vote will occur at the March Graduate Council Meeting.
 - c. Five members needed
 - i. Four must be members of Graduate Faculty
 - ii. One must be a staff member working with a graduate program/office
5. Outstanding Contributions to Graduate Studies and Graduate Staff Excellence Awards
 - a. Nominations needed for the 2024-25 - email will be sent out soon.
6. Graduate Faculty Membership Renewals
 - a. Reminders will be sent out soon.
 - b. Those expiring in 2025 must reapply by the first Monday in March (for May vote) or the first Monday in October (for December vote).
7. Faculty Standing Committees
 - a. Nominations requested for the Budgetary Affairs
 - i. One member must be elected by the Graduate Faculty at the May 2025 meeting to serve a two-year term (to replace Dr. Jorge Parcel whose term is expiring July 2025).
 - ii. Dr. Cheng Hsiao Wu remains as the second member from the Graduate Faculty until July 2026.
8. Nominations will be soon requested for 2025-26 Graduate Faculty President and Secretary (to be elected at May 2025 meeting).
9. Graduate Track Pathway (GTP)
 - a. Change to GTP Admission and Standards
 - i. "Enrollment in the Master's Degree Program for GTP students must begin no more than two semesters (summer sessions not included) following the bachelor's degree being awarded."

- ii. Motion to approve: Murray; Second: Corns; Motion passes by vote (15 yea, 3 nea).
- b. Certificate track
 - i. “Allow eligible students to apply up to six credit hours (5000 – 6000 level lecture) taken while completing the bachelor’s degree towards a future graduate certificate.”
 - ii. Motion to approve: Murray; Second: Winiarz; Motion passes by vote (13 yea, 1 nea).
- c. Limiting credit hours for GTP/dual enrollment
 - i. “Limiting GTP students to take only nine credit hours as dual enrollment credit in addition to the shared credit.”
 - ii. Motion to approve: Murray; Second: Sedighsarvestani; Motion passes by vote (16 yea, 0 nea).

10. New business

- a. A discussion to “Allow for an additional (second) semester of probation; the additional semester of probation needs to be requested by the department chair or their delegate and approved by Graduate Education” was initiated.

Meeting adjourned by President Jiang, 1:00 pm.