



In attendance: Sarah Diem, Isa Jahnke, Tony Lupo, Xinghe Wang, Ashley Siebenaler, Jeni Hart, Lissa Behm-Morawitz, Keith Greenwood, Carlos Wexler, Karl Hammond, Johanna Kramer, Jill Kanaley, Alan Parrish, Azlin Mustapha, Royce Barondes, Cheryl Offutt, Laura McCann, Sue Boren, Xuemin Yan, Diedre Wipke-Tevis.

1. Call to Order.

3:33pm meeting was called to order

2. Acceptance of the agenda.

Agenda was seconded and approved

3. Approval of minutes of the last meeting (28/Nov/2017).

Meeting minutes from November 28, 2017 were seconded and approved

4. Discussion with **Ben Trachtenberg** (Faculty Council, RE: possible name changes for GFS and FC, and other issues related to GFS-FC relationship).

MU Faculty Council was established approximately 40 years ago and named for the trend at that time. Other Universities within the system and out use “Faculty Senate” instead of Faculty Council. It has been recommended that they change their name from to Faculty Senate. Because of the risk for confusion it is recommended that Graduate Faculty Senate (GFS) also change their name. Faculty senate prefers that GFS choose a name that does not use senate or council in the name.

Vote in principle– in favor of changing the name, contingent on Faculty council doing the same – seconded and approved

Possible name for GFS:

- Graduate Faculty Committee 3 votes
- Graduate Council 12 votes
- Graduate Faculty Council 14 votes (or Council of Graduate Faculty)
- Graduate Faculty Forum
- Graduate Faculty Board 3 votes
- Graduate Faculty Bureau
- Graduate Faculty Congress
- Graduate Faculty Assembly
- Board of Graduate Faculty

GFS sister institutions use the name Graduate Council or Graduate Faculty

Council.

Decision and vote was tabled until next meeting for more discussion.

Laura McCann asked:

Are we getting an increase in requests for new Graduate courses partly due to the faculty workload? Are we getting additional courses so that the classes are getting smaller? There is no data at this time that would support this theory, however it was suggested that we do discuss and look at the options available for classes that may have smaller attendance than others. Possibilities of combining classes or offering the class once a year rather than each semester.

Committee Reports:

- a. Academic Affairs – Prof. Azlin Mustapha, chair
 - i. Approval of any new course requests
For review go to <https://nextcatalog.missouri.edu/courseadmin/>
(when you log in look at the AAC approval level on the right).
 - ii. New Programs and Program Changes: NONE

Courses have been approved by the committee? Questions on Biological sciences 7002 and 8002 – only change was the cap from 99 to 6, and why. This is the number of credit hours that one can take. 99 is just a default number when it became an online class.

Course 8500 Organizational Behavior Management, it was brought up that it is very close to a name with in the School of Business. This course was tabled until further review for clarification. Xuemin Yan is going to review the courses at the Business school for overlap.

Moved for approval

Seconded

Approved with the exception of Course 8500 until further review.

iii. AAC Policy sub-committee: ** NEED NEW MEMBERS **
Sub-committee is now staffed appropriately

- b. Awards – Prof. Tony Lupo, chair.

Thank you to awards committee for review of the outstanding Thesis and

dissertation awards. Banquet is set for the end of April.

5. Report: Office of Graduate Studies – Prof. Jeni Hart, Associate Vice chancellor for Graduate Studies and Associate Vice Provost for Advanced Studies.

The Provost pulled together a faculty committee to explore the academic programs at the University. The report was due to Provost and Chancellor on the 16th of January. It is under review and will be made public on Thursday the 18th of January. The Chancellor and Provost will continue to review the recommendations to see if any of these recommendations should move forward. There will be another set of reviews around the programs with the context of budget. It was not the charge of this committee to make decisions regarding budgetary implications of deactivating programs. The committee was to review the quality of the programs with respect to credit hour generated, faculty to student ratio, productivity of faculty, time to degree, etc. Academic analytics the Delaware data were used to help in the recommendations. After analysis and meeting with different faculty groups the recommendations will be public this week.

Recommendations are specific to degrees.

6. Report: Graduate Student Association – Ms. Sarah Senff, GSA President. Sarah was out ill, Jeni Hart updated: GSA/GPC decided to merge as one organization and will formally merge in July. They will use the name GPC.
7. Resolutions.

None

Introduction of new members Xinghe Wang from Economics/A&S, and Sarah Diem from ELPA and the new DGS representative.

8. Adjournment.