

Graduate Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes



25/Sep/2018, 3:30-5:00PM
S203 Memorial Union

In attendance:

Amy DeClue, Kurt Housh, Doug Clem, Pat Friedrichsen, Royce Barondes, Xinghe Wang, Laura McCann, Sue Boren, Gui DeSouza, Tony Lupo, Johanna Kramer, Keith Greenwood, Rajiv Mohan, Alan Parrish, Chad Rose, Sarah Diem, Lissa Behm-Morawitz, Jeni Hart, Ashley Siebenaler, Anita Cowan, Xuemin Yan, Azlin Mustapha, Deidre Wipke-Tevis

1. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order at 3:32pm

2. Acceptance of the agenda.

Motioned to accept agenda: Johanna Kramer

Seconded: Rajiv Mohan

Unanimously approved

3. Approval of minutes from August 28, 2018 meeting

Motioned to accept the meeting minutes from Aug 28, 2018 :Laura McCann

Seconded: Rajiv Mohan

Unanimously approved

4. Committee Reports:

a. Academic Affairs – Prof. Sue Boren, chair

i. New Programs and Program Changes:

1. MS in Entrepreneurship. Doug Moesel and Chris Roberts will present the proposal.

Doug Moesel and Chris Roberts came to present on their proposal and ask questions from the senate. Copies of proposal were sent to the senate electronically. Offer customer discovery course, new product development, private equity financing, negotiations, and personal sales. Offering courses in business planning, rapid scaling, balancing portfolios. Program will start as an online course and eventually move to a combination of both online and face to face. Will visit incubators and accelerators at other campus. Would like to grow from a start of 10 to a group of 50 students.

Laura McCann – are existing courses are being taught regularly – trying to teach the best courses, they are currently existing courses. Personal Sales- undergrad/grad? Personal sales high scale learning. Taught at a higher level and considered essential.

Gui DeSouza – all on line? Yes, that is how we are going to start and move to face to

face/combination of both.

Laura M. – online competition, other programs? Strongest programs in this type of program are in Indiana, Florida and Oklahoma State. Trying to model for the needs of this part of the country.

Laura M. -Other on campus entrepreneur courses? Working with Engineering and other departments for collaboration.

Gui D.-how many course are currently already being offered? About ½ of the classes are already being offered.

Concerns: Having the faculty available to teach, student teacher ratio, funding, course transferability, flexibility.

Voting will occur at the October meeting.

If questions do arise please contact Sue Boren

ii. Approval of any new course requests

1. For review go to <https://nextcatalog.missouri.edu/courseadmin/>
(when you log in look at the AAC approval level on the right)

70 courses were submitted for approval, 4 courses held to discuss/question

Motioned to approve courses as recommended by the AAC- Amy DeClue

Seconded – Rajiv Mohan

Unanimously approved

4 courses to discuss

4210 and 7210 – Astronomy/Physics – Contribution to science by the underrepresented.

Concerns: is it needed, would it work better with other courses, instructors, reading lists. Sounds like a good class, could it be better if it included experts from the areas. Going back to the committee and requestor to clarify questions brought up by the senate. (Tabled for now)

b. Policy subcommittee – Prof. Amy DeClue, chair

Concern about taking care of issues when senate is on break (summer/winter). Develop a sub-committee that would take care of issues during hiatus. They would manage issues, committee would consist of a few members.

Concerns: What is considered an urgent issue. Examples were given, such as termination from degree program or assistantship involve senate.

Laura, not creating a policy but making a decision on a policy procedure. Process takes face to face with student and committee. Could use Zoom but not over email.

No considering course approval as an urgent matter. Discussion on programs that were not approved because of senate not in session. Need to decide what constitutes "urgent". Process for course approvals can include a notice that will be sent to Deans/DGS stating that the senate will not approve courses during the summer. However there could be a need for the committee to meet regarding appeals, Policy changes or administration changes.

c. Awards – Prof. Johanna Kramer, chair.

Nothing to report

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

3MT is in October, please encourage your students to apply.

Graduate education week is October 8-12, 2018. Karen Kelksy as a speaker

Tiger View visit also October 7-10 – recruitment efforts

Supplemental fellowship applications have been sent out and are due 16 November.

Monthly newsletter, OGS will send to senate

6. Discussion of return to a Graduate School

Continue discussion of retuning the Graduate School

Changes/amendments to the draft that was sent:

Allen-omit requires no additional financial resources and possibly add statement that this is a great opportunity to invest in the graduate school.

Letter was modeled after the graduate professional council letter.

Royce B. – does not feel readily informed to offer an opinion or vote and chose to abstain.

Gui D. – add a statement supporting Jeni as continuing as leadership

Concern regarding the recommendation of hiring Jeni as the Dean. The statement will state instead will imply the job well done instead of recommending her as Dean.

Proposed changes:

- 1. Strong graduate programs will facilitate reaching university goals of increased research expenditures and productivity*
- 2. Dr. Jeni Hart has shown exemplary leadership of the Office of Graduate Studies. Return to a Graduate School can be done with little disruption and provides an opportunity to increase the investment in graduate education in accordance with university goals.*

Changes and accepted edits are reflected in the letter added below.

a. Vote on statement of support to reinstate Graduate School

Rajiv - Motion to accept amended changes to the letter

*Allen – seconded
19 yea, 1 abstain*

7. Report: Graduate Professional Council – Mr. Kurt Housh, GPC Representative.
Created an emergency fund for graduate students. Funds can be accepted at giving.missouri.edu

Parking issues and new policy regarding the ramps.

Rajiv – stated that the parking committee is in discussion with parking and transportation to change this policy.

8. Resolutions.

None to report

Information items:

It is suggested that an invitation be sent to the provost to attend one of the meetings.

Creating a Canvas site for the senate to keep documents and information.

9. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 5:00pm

Attachments:

Statement from Graduate Faculty Senate regarding reinstatement of a Graduate School at MU.

Graduate education at the University of Missouri is currently coordinated under the Office of Graduate Studies, a non-academic unit structured under the Office of Research, Graduate Studies and Economic Development.

Reinstatement of a Graduate School at the University of Missouri would return graduate studies to status of an academic unit. Graduate Studies fulfills many academic functions related to graduate education. Reinstatement of status as a Graduate School would more accurately reflect the role the unit fulfills and would raise the status of graduate education with the university. Strong graduate programs will facilitate reaching university goals of increased research expenditures and productivity. Reinstatement of a Graduate School also would provide centralized coordination of interdisciplinary programs on campus and would create a structure more consistent with that at peer institutions.

Leadership and structure of the current Office of Graduate Studies already fulfills many functions of a Graduate School. Dr. Jeni Hart has shown exemplary leadership of the Office of Graduate Studies. Return to a Graduate School can be done with little disruption and

provides an opportunity to increase the investment in graduate education in accordance with university goals.

The Graduate Faculty Senate supports reinstatement of a Graduate School at the University of Missouri.

Passed by the MU Graduate Faculty Senate September 25, 2018