

Graduate Faculty Senate  
**Meeting Minutes**



**August 27, 2019**  
**3:30-5:00PM**  
**N214AB Memorial Union**

In attendance:

Sue Boren(President), Mick Calcutt, Anita Cowan, Sarah Diem, Wilson Freyermuth, Keith Greenwood, Jeni Hart, Jill Kanaley, Candace Kuby, Tony Lupo, Dana Martin, Alan Parrish, Chad Rose, Ashley Siebenaler, Julija Sukys, Christine VanPool, Carlos Wexler, Deidre Wipke-Tevis, Jesse Wyatt, Gang Yao, absent: Gui DeSouza(Member at Large), Lissa Behm-Morawitz, Laura McCann, Rajiv Mohan, Azlin Mustapha(Vice President), Xuemin Yan.

1. Call to Order

3:30 - meeting called to order

2. Acceptance of the agenda

Moved to approve – Carlos Wexler

Seconded – Tony Lupo

Agenda approved

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting (April 30)

Moved to approve – Tony Lupo

Seconded – Carlos Wexler

Minutes Approved

4. Orientation to CIM system for course proposals – Carla Whitney

Demonstration of the CIM

5. Introduction of new and old members of the GFS

Introductions of members

6. Appointment of members of Academic Affairs, Awards, and Policy committees

Committee assignments:

Academic Affairs:

Sarah Diem – Chair

R. Wilson Freyermuth

Keith Greenwood

Jill Kanaley  
Dana Martin  
Laura McCann(spring)  
Rajiv Mohan  
Carlos Wexler  
Gang Yao

Awards:

Chad Rose - Chair  
Mick Calcutt  
Tony Lupo  
Xuemin (Sterling) Yan

Policy:

Alan Parrish – Chair  
Candace Kuby  
Deidre Wipke-Tevis

7. Report: Graduate School – Prof. Jeni Hart, Dean

Renewed mission statement, simplified, focused:

*“The mission of the Graduate School at the University of Missouri is to advocate for, support, and advance graduate and postdoctoral education”*

University of Missouri System has asked the Missouri District Court of appeals to reconsider the decision in the CGW case. Earlier this summer the court decided that Graduate assistance are considered employees. Which gives them the right to collective bargain. The court also decided that CGW will not be able to advocate for graduate students. There are certain boards that advocate for teachers separate from other labor boards. Because the CGW has both research and teaching assistants there will need to be 2 different advocate boards. Case could go to state supreme court, univ seeing through the state supreme court.

Progress system for grad students, hired new staff to set up an instance of MyVita called GradVita, tool is specifically for grad students. May pilot some things

this year but not going live until later. It is a process in progress.

There has been a change to the financial aid policy regarding the number of hours considered as half time enrollment. Half time enrollment has gone from 4 hours to 4.5 credit hours which is half of full time which is 9 hours. The Graduate School has added a 1 credit hour course for the fall semester (at no cost) so students can meet the requirements. For additional information refer to the Grad school website.

International visa process are taking extremely long to process. Academic units are asked to try and admit their international students early before March deadlines.

Student success compact where graduate education housed. Each college is charged with creating a strategic management plan. Most colleges have plans in place. Development of the plans are continuing.

The Graduate School is bringing two guests to campus on September 19<sup>th</sup> from National Academy's of science. They will talk about 2 specific reports they have produced over the past couple of years. Studies are based on Graduate education and Sexual harassment of women.

Budget model conversations will be happening with the CFO and Leadership in the next few months.

8. Report: Graduate Professional Council – GPC representative-Jesse Wyatt

Created international student affairs committee

Hoping to run an international panel on Visas

Created mental health task force, working with wellness center to create a program

Increased travel funding to 63,000 to distribute and created a new cycle of funding.

Hoping to work with MSA regard a safety course

Worked with parking regarding parking issues.

#### 9. Resolutions

November meeting moved to 1 week earlier on the 19<sup>th</sup>

Next meeting will be full, 8 proposals already waiting for approval as well as certificates, new programs and changes.

#### 10. Adjournment

4:23 adjourned

#### 11. Committee planning/work time

Time is allowed for committees to meet to discuss process and expectations.