1. Call to Order
   Called to order at 3:32pm

2. Acceptance of the agenda
   Agenda was unanimously accepted

3. Approval of minutes from March 31, 2020 meeting
   Moved to approve minutes – Rajiv Mohan
   Seconded – Laura McCann
   Minutes were approved unanimously

4. Thank Senators completing terms; Welcome new Senators
   Senators ending their term: Sarah Diem, Jill Kanaley, Laura McCann, Carlos Wexler, Deidre Wipke-Tevis


5. Committee Reports:
   a. Academic Affairs – Prof. Sarah Diem, chair
      i. 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)
         Recommending 4 courses for approval,
         Approved unanimously

      ii. New Programs and Program Changes:
         1. Graduate Certificate in Financial Management (03/27/2020)
            a. New Graduate Certificate
            b. Prof. Mike O’Doherty / Prof. Mike Dorigan
            c. College of Business
Motioned to approve – Keith Greenwood
Seconded: Jill Kanaley
No discussion
Vote: passed unanimous

2. Master of Music (04/06/2020)
   a. Change to Emphasis Area Requirements
   b. Prof. **Wendy Sims**
   c. School of Music

Motioned to approve: Keith Greenwood
Seconded: Jill Kanaley
No discussion
Vote: unanimous

3. English Accelerated Graduate Degree Program
   a. New Accelerated
   b. Prof. Alex Socarides / Lee Manion
   c. English Department, College of Arts and Science

Motioned to approve: Rajiv Mohan
Seconded – Christine Van Pool
No discussion
Vote: Unanimous

   b. Policy subcommittee – Prof. Alan Parrish, chair
      i. Comprehensive Exam and Defense Dates Policy

Motioned to approve – Gui DeSouza
Seconded – Jill Kanaley
Vote: approved-Unanimous

   ii. Committee Membership Policy
Change to policy was to remove the requirement of an outside member for thesis committees. Doctoral committees will continue to require the outside member.

Motioned to approve: Rajiv Mohan
Seconded: Jill Kanaley
Vote: approved, unanimous

c. Awards – Prof. Chad Rose, chair
Awards have been completed, it was noted that there was a great pool of nominations. Choosing was very tough and the scoring was very tight.

6. Report: Graduate School – Dean Jeni Hart
Dr. Hart thanked all the members for their hard work this year, a lot was accomplished and the year was very productive. She also mentioned a special thank you to those members whose terms ended this year and welcomed the new senators.

Dr. Lissa Behm-Morawits advised the change in the awards ceremony this year. It will be on a video that will be available on the Graduate Schools website May 6th at 3pm.

Dr. Hart: Commencement will be virtual this year and will run for 24 hours. Graduate School will be listing all the students earning their degree with some graphics by names. Trying to include family in the celebration, possibly including a mortar board decorating competition that family can help with. There have been recommendations to the Provost and Chancellor for a physical ceremony possibly this fall.

Several questions have been brought forward regarding fellowship and funding. If an offer was made it should be honored.
Congress reviewing a 26 million proposal for a grant towards research, to help offset costs.

Chancellor/Provost announced a task force that will be working on a program review and sending recommendations. Discussions regarding class models, duplication of classes and consolidation similar to the review that was done a few years ago.

7. Report: Graduate Professional Council – Mr. Jesse Wyatt, GPC Representative
New executive board will take over on May 5th, Jesse will remain as the vice-president and will remain on the senate as the GPC representative.

8. Report: Liaison to Faculty Council – Prof. Gui DeSouza
Dr. Choi attended the last Faculty council meeting and reported the plans for return to campus. They are still working on procedures and we will not be returning yet. Looking at integrating the return slowly and staggered. Talked about the budget cuts for campus and the possibility of using some reserves, however it will not postpone the inevitable. Looking at outsourcing some jobs if financial feasible. President Choi has reservations on opening the campus to everyone right away, concerned with virus contamination possibilities and taking cautious steps. He is concerned that students are
not aware that they have the option of taking summer classes online.

9. Report and Election of GFS leadership for 20-21 – Prof. Azlin Mustapha
The following were elected into office for the next academic year:
President – Azlin Mustapha
Vice President – Gui DeSouza
Academic Affairs committee chair – Keith Greenwood
Award committee chair – Chad Rose
Member at large – Tony Lupo

10. Discussion: number of courses that GFS is approving
Multiple discussions regarding do we/don’t we. Student need vs. availability. Who makes the
decision to merge and what classes to merge. Discussion will continue.

11. Resolutions
   a. Career Services
      Resolution-CareerServices-1.docx
      Vote – approved
   b. Research Methods
      Resolution-ResearchMethods-1.docx
      Vote - approved

12. Adjournment
    Adjourned at 5:15pm