



March 23, 2021; 1:30-3:00 PM

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1. Call to order

1:32 PM

2. Acceptance of the agenda

Move to accept agenda – Keith Greenwood

Seconded – Corinne Valdivia

3. Approval of minutes from February 23, 2021 meeting

Move to accept minutes – Candace Kuby

Seconded – Rajiv Mohan

4. Committee Reports:

a. Academic Affairs – Prof. Keith Greenwood, chair

i. Approval of new course requests:

1. For review, go to <https://nextcatalog.missouri.edu/courseadmin/>
(after you log in, click on AAC-GFS Vote in the Quick Searches box on the far right)

9 courses are recommended for approval (see Appendix). Two are new and cross-listed between Biological Engineering and Environmental Science.

Question – MANGMT_8960 introduction to Strategic management is only open to Crosby MBA, is there a reason?

Answer – They are changing the course from a 7000 level to an 8000 level. The prerequisite information doesn't show a change it's just a part of the MBA program.

Courses approved.

b. Awards – Prof. Chad Rose, chair

Nothing new, committee is set to return nominations by Wednesday and the results will be sent to the Graduate School by Friday

c. Policy subcommittee – Prof. Alan Parrish, chair

i. Sick leave policy for TAs and RAs

During an academic year, which includes the summer, enrolled graduate student degree candidates may be absent from normal student responsibilities for up to (but no more than) ten workdays for reasons of illness with continued financial support. Graduate students must inform the relevant faculty who supervise their coursework, research, and/or teaching obligations about any absence due to illness at the beginning of the period of absence; normal course and grading policies for the relevant department(s) and course instructor(s) will apply. Students who must be absent due to illness or illness-related care for more than two work weeks in succession can request a leave of absence from the University

(<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/policy/leave-of-absence-from-graduate-studies/>)

There were discussions regarding the wording of this proposed policy. Policy is being taken back to the colleges for review and will be revisited at the April meeting. The edited version for circulation among different units:

Sick leave policy proposed:

During an academic year, which includes the summer, **enrolled** graduate students may be absent from normal student responsibilities for up to (but no more than) ten workdays **in succession** for reasons of illness or **illness-related care**. **Students who are receiving University of Missouri financial support will continue to receive support during that period**. Graduate students **should inform** the relevant faculty who supervise their coursework, research, and/or teaching obligations about any absence due to illness **as soon as possible**; normal course and grading policies for the relevant department(s) and course instructor(s) will apply. Students who must be absent due to illness or illness-related care for more than **ten workdays in succession can either request a leave of absence from the University or apply for an extension of Sick Leave from the Dean of the Graduate School**.

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ii. Remediation procedure for failed Ph.D. qualifying exams

Qualifying Examination – Remediation

For any degree program that utilizes a non-coursework based qualifying examination, a student may have 1 semester to remediate a qualifying exam failure. Failure of a coursework-based qualifying examination falls under policies specific to Grade Point Average and GPA and Probation

(<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/policy/grading-credit/>)

A per discussions, change wording to no more than 1 semester to remediate (exceptions will be reviewed on a case-to-case basis)

Including a minimum of 4 weeks but not more than one semester.

Senators asked to review with department and have feedback by the 14th of April for committee to rewrite and give to senators to review and be able to discuss and vote on at the next meeting. The edited version for circulation among different units:

Qualifying examination remediation proposed:

For any degree program that utilizes a non-coursework based qualifying examination, a student may have a **minimum of four weeks, but not more than one additional semester**, to remediate a qualifying exam failure. Failure of a coursework-based qualifying examination falls under policies specific to Grade Point Average and GPA and Probation (<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/policy/grading-credit/>)

- iii. Policy on undergraduate students getting graduate certificates using dual-enrolled courses

Not ready to discuss

- d. Report: Graduate School – Dean Jeni Hart

Updates: There is a system-wide meeting every spring to negotiate the student insurance plan for the next academic year. We are the only one to provide insurance for grad students, in the UM system. We met last week to discuss options, there are only 5 insurance providers for students in the country. They put the option out for bid and met to discuss proposals from Aetna and Anthem. There are currently no changes to plans and increases will be lower than proposed in November (22%). Probably going to go with Anthem, both have given a guarantee to minimize the increases over the next 2 years. Anthem has more mental health providers. International students are required to enroll in our plan, other grad students can enroll or provide their own insurance.

Budget – message to DGS to be sent after finance reviews message. Resource allocation model will go into effect 2023. Monies will be given to department for grad enrollment but departments will also be charged for tuition waivers. Regarding fellowship students, there is continued discussion.

Commencement will be in person. Graduates of 2020 will have their ceremony on April 4. Class of 2021 ceremonies will be held in May. There is a limit of 302 people per ceremony. It will be tightly controlled, no procession and no hooding at doctoral level.

The Graduate School is proposing an application fee increase: The fee has not been increased since 2015. Graduate School did comparisons with other institutions and by increasing our fee by \$10.00, we still rank in the middle. International application increase is an additional \$10.00 to cover the costs of translation of transcripts and credentialing. Other universities ask students to go to an outside company which could cost the student 150.00 to 200.00 additional. We do this in-house which saves costs to the student. We also run the I-20 programs for international students which is additional work on top of what is not done for domestic students.

Suggested to give the student the option for the credentialing, increase for those that we do.

For students that have financial hardship they can request a waiver, which will be reviewed on a case-by-case nature. There are some departments that will cover the cost of the application fee for their students.

The increase is projected to generate revenue by \$80,000.00.

The increase proposal information is being taken back to the departments to

discuss and feedback will be provided at the April meeting.

e. Report: Liaison to Faculty Council – Prof. Tony Lupo

Provost reported that they are going to review workloads, a process that is repeated approximately every 5 years.

They are reorganizing the Chancellors committees. Looking to reduce the number of committees and their purpose.

f. Report: Graduate Professional Council – Ms. Amanda Hoffmann, GPC Representative

None

g. Resolutions

h. Adjournment

3:00 PM

APPENDIX

GFS Pres (9)				
Code	Title	Status	Initiator	Received
MRKTNG 8460	MRKTNG 8460: Managerial Marketing	Edited	vt2gm	3/16/2021
JOURN 4340	JOURN 4340: Viewing Journalism Films: Images of the Reporter	Edited	woelfels	3/16/2021
MANGMT 8960	MANGMT 8960: Introduction to Strategic Management	Edited	pagettl	3/16/2021
BIOL_EN 4450	BIOL_EN 4450: Environmental Hydrology	Added	aloysiusn	3/19/2021
ENV_SC 4450	ENV_SC 4450: Environmental Hydrology	Added	aloysiusn	3/19/2021
H_D_FS 8087	H_D_FS 8087: Seminar in Human Development and Family Science	Edited	lestera	3/16/2021
MRKTNG 8720	MRKTNG 8720: Global Business Environment	Edited	vt2gm	3/16/2021
MANGMT 8390	MANGMT 8390: Organizational Behavior and Management: Dyadic, Group and Organizational Processes	Edited	pagettl	3/16/2021
MRKTNG 8470	MRKTNG 8470: Advanced Marketing Management	Edited	vt2gm	3/16/2021