

Graduate Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes



March 21, 2023 1:30-3:00 PM

Member	Committee	Member	Committee
	X	Wenjun Ma (Vet Med)	AA
David Beversdorf (Medicine)	Policy	Marcello Mogetta (A&S)	AA
Miriam Butler (Nurs)	Appeals	Azlin Mustapha (CAFNR)	Appeals
Sounak Chakraborty (A&S)		Stevie Neuman (Bus/Acc)	AA
Anita Cowan (Admin. Sup.)	X	Parker Owens (GPC Rep)	Policy
Chris Daniggelis (DGS at lg.)	Awards*	Richard Rueben (Law)	Policy
Matt Easter (CEHD)	Policy/Awards	Ashley Siebenaler (ex officio)	X
Maria Fidalgo (Eng.)	AA	Chi-Ren Shyu (Grad School/IDSI)	Policy*
Keith Greenwood (Jour.)	Policy/Appeals	Corinne Valdivia (CAFNR)	Awards
Damon Hall (CAFNR)	Awards/Appeals	Angie Zapata (CEHD)	AA*
Jeni Hart (ex officio)	X	Yuwen Zhang (Eng.)	Policy/Appeals
Brian Hensel (Medicine/HMI)	AA	Erin Robinson (Hlth. Prof)	GFC Rep /member at large
John Kerns (A&S)	Awards	Mich Calcutt (Vet Med)	Awards

*Committee Chair – In attendance

1. Call to order
1:32am
2. Acceptance of the agenda
Move to accept agenda – Keith Greenwood
Seconded – Chi-Ren Shyu
3. Approval of minutes February meeting
Move to accept minutes – Keith Greenwood
Seconded - Dave Beversdorf
4. Special Business of the Day –

ad hoc dismissal appeal committee complete

Parker Owens (Chair), Mick Calcutt, Damon Hall, Maria Fidalgo, Wenjun Ma

Azlin Mustapha (GFS V.P.) – expired terms

Miriam Butler
 Sounak Chakraborty
 Chris Daniggelis
 Stevie Neuman
 Corinne Valdivia
 Mick Calcutt

Elections:

In April elections will be held for exec board.

Some discussion about what the elected positions do and a call for nominations for all those that are interested in a position.

April meeting note – several program presentations and concluding business will be scheduled. We will try to keep it on time but traditionally this meeting has run a little longer than usual so please plan ahead.

- 5. Committee Reports:
 - a. **Faculty Council Representative/Member at Large** – Prof. Erin Robinson

The latest FAC meeting focused around financial state of affairs with the University.

FAC voted and approved the following:

approved syllabis language: <https://provost.missouri.edu/faculty-affairs/syllabus-information/>

*The following syllabus language was approved for inclusion on the Provost’s website of syllabi statements:

_____ is listed in the course catalog as a face-to-face course. The instructional activities planned for this course are designed for face-to-face interactions with your classmates and instructors. These activities often do not translate well over online video platforms. Because of this, it is up to instructor discretion whether asynchronous instruction or recordings of class activities are an appropriate substitute for regular classroom attendance. For specifics regarding excused absences or disabilities accommodations, please see the relevant section of this syllabus.

b. FC approved extending CRR 210.050 to all classes (4-, 8-, and 16-week courses). Previously, 4-week course instructors had to wait until the end of the semester to receive course evaluations. “CRR 210.050 requires that grades be filed within three days after the end of the examination period, inclusive of all courses (4-, 8-, and 16-week courses). Student course evaluations will not be made available until all grades are submitted, pursuant to CRR 210.050.”

c. Test optional pilot extension (e.g., ACT): FC was asked to approve a one year extension of this pilot. The pilot is allowing the UM System to test retention, GPA, and dismissal rates between students who submit test scores and those with optional test submission. FC approved to extend the pilot one more year. After FC approval, the BOC will vote to enact this policy at a future meeting (to clarify that it isn’t totally up to FC).

Discussion also included (1) Faculty Handbook to remove language on academic standing and dismissal processes that is hard for students to understand and to make the language more inclusive. A group of faculty have been working on these language changes for some time, (2) Request made to permanently implement the policy for Election Day Participation & Attendance; faculty are recommended to follow policy but are not required. The proposals can be found under the “supporting documents” tab for yesterday’s meeting on the faculty council website.

- b. **Academic Affairs** – Prof. Angie Zapata, chair

Below course was requested to be removed.

Note: **Approval request was withdrawn**

CNST_DEM_8618	CNST_DEM 8618: Hiring and Firing Presidents: The Electoral College, Impeachment and the 25th Amendment	Added	mcskf5	2/17/2023
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- i. **Course Approvals** – changes to existing (edited) and new (added) courses

Code	Title	Status	Initiator	Received
ED LPA 9474	ED LPA 9474: Professional Seminar I	Edited	scheesel	3/13/2023
ED LPA 9475	ED LPA 9475: Professional Seminar II	Edited	scheesel	3/13/2023
JOURN 8034	JOURN 8034: Media, Power, and Identity	Added	crozierln	3/13/2023

Move to approve courses presented - Angie Zapata
 Seconded - Brian Hensel
 Unanimously approved.

ii. **Program Approvals and Program Change (edited) Proposals**

c. **Awards** – Prof. Chris Daniggelis, chair

i. Abell, Guttermuth, and Anderson Teaching & Research Awards

Anderson Teaching Award:

1st place: **Brittany Wilson**
 Runner-up **Chris Sanders**

Anderson Research Award:

1st place: **Soobin Choi**
 Runner-up **Amy Costa / Christian Perez** (tied)

Abell

Jen Amstutz

Guttermuth

Tanya Weigand
 Shannon Dier
 Blessing Okafor

d. **Policy** – Prof. Chi-Ren Shyu, chair

Committee is going to meet soon to discuss the Graduate Student grievance policy.

Policy Subcommittee - Taking Senator's inputs.

The following is brought before the senate to discuss.

o Doctoral Faculty Training

To have an expectation that in advance of applying for or renewing doctoral faculty status, the faculty member must participate in mentor training and be able to document that as part of the approval process.

1. New Faculty Orientation for the subgroup becoming doctoral faculty requires participation in the Mentoring @Mizzou training (about 4 hours).

Question – for well-established senior faculty recruited from outside, is 4-hour training necessary?

2. 5-year renewals: a short continuing training for renewals (Maintenance)

Questions: what contents to be included in the continuing training? What length is reasonable without feeling burdensome? Should we integrate this continuing training into MyVita for evaluation of graduate mentoring?

Most discussion was around how much time should be spent by existing mentors versus newly hired faculty/mentors. There are a number of mentors that have been mentoring for years that could benefit from the training.

<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/current-students/scholarly-integrity-ethics/guidelines-for-good-practice-in-graduate-education/>

6. Report: Graduate Professional Council – Mr. Parker Owens, GPC Representative

Graduate student day in partnership with athletics, had approx. 800 people participate. Great event and a Mizzou win.

GPC elections will take place on April 4th.

Parker meeting with other campus leaders to discuss election day policy.

RCAF (39th Annual Research & Creative Activities Forum – to be held in Columbia on April 7th

The Graduate Professional Council (GPC) is proud to announce its **39th Annual Research & Creative Activities Forum (RCAF)** which will take place on April 7th, 2023! This event offers an invaluable opportunity for graduate and professional students to showcase their academic projects/research in front of audience members such as their professors, mentors, and research colleagues.

Note: This year's presentation will be an in-person poster presentation in front of judges and audiences. Presenters will be receiving the presentation guidelines and instructions will be mentioned with the acceptance email.

Proposals are currently being accepted for presentation in ten categories:

- Behavioral Sciences
- Biological Sciences
- Creative Arts
- Engineering, Computer, and Information Sciences
- Health Sciences, Medicine, and Veterinary Medicine
- Humanities
- Physical Sciences
- Social Sciences (Qualitative)
- Social Sciences (Quantitative)
- Other

The deadline for Proposal Submission is NOW March 7th, 2023. Applications, including a brief abstract, can be submitted via <https://cglink.me/2ny/s444>

Notification of Acceptance will be communicated around March 12th, 2023.

As with past events, cash prizes will be awarded to the top presentations in each category. The first prize in each category will receive **\$250**, the second prize will receive **\$150**, and the third prize will receive **\$100**.

For more information, please contact **RCAF** Chair, **Patrick Bokolo** at gpcprogramming@missouri.edu
We look forward to reading your applications!

Best regards,
Patrick Bokolo
GPC Director of Programming
gpcprogramming@missouri.edu

7. **Report: Graduate School** – Prof. Jeni Hart, Dean of Graduate School and Vice Provost for Graduate Studies.

Data analyst position has been posted.
Assisment coordinator position is in the process of being built. This position will work with MYVita and surveys. Will be housed in the Graduate School.

Associate Dean position has been offered and in discussion.

Survey from DuoLingo is being sent out. International students and some faculty will receive the survey.

Awards reception is April 19, 5:00pm in Clinton Club of Mizzou Arena.

8. Resolutions
none

9. Adjournment
Move to adjourn meeting - David Beversdorf
Seconded – Corinne Valdivia

2:26pm