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November 28, 2023 10:30am-  
noon  
111F Townsend Hall

**Attending:** Amy Rhea, Keith Greenwood, Erika Boerman (delegate for Gillian Bartlett), Marcello Mogetta, Erin Robinson, Lyria Bartlett, Wenjun Ma, Paul Ledehoff, John Kerns, Matt Easter, Yuwen Zhang, Azlin Mustapha, Leslie Lyons, Abed Rabbani, Chi-Ren Shyu, Parker Owens, Dan Edidin, Kristin Kopp, Enid Schatz, Jeni Hart, Ashley Siebenaler, David Beversdorf, Kuntara Pukthuanthong, Julie Miller.

**Quorum (12):** Met

1. Call to order at 10:31am
2. Acceptance of the agenda
  - a. Amendments: None
  - b. Motion to approve by David Beversdorf, second by Yuwen Zhang
  - c. Disposition: Approved
3. Approval of minutes of September 2023 meeting
  - a. Amendments: Delete highlights
  - b. Motion to approve by Kristin Kopp, second by Azlin Mustapha
  - c. Disposition: Approved (11 yay, 0 nay)
4. Approval of minutes of October 2023 meeting
  - a. Amendments: Delete highlights
  - b. Motion to approve by Paul Ledehoff, second by Erika Boerman
  - c. Disposition: Approved (11 yay, 0 nay)
5. Committee Reports:
  - a. Academic Affairs – Prof. Angie Zapata, chair (absent, report delivered by Keith Greenwood)
    - i. Course Approvals – changes to existing (edited) and new (added) courses (List of courses distributed separately)
      - a. Recommendation to approve comes from committee, no need for a second
      - b. Discussion: Mostly edits to existing courses, 3 new courses
      - c. Disposition: Approved (16 yay, 0 nay)
    - ii. Program Approvals and Program Change (edited) Proposals
      - a. Graduate Certificate in Public Policy (adding a required course)
        - The certificate will stay as a 4-course certificate but one of the courses that had

been elective really needs to be required so they're amending the certificate to have that required course.

- Motion to approve by Paul Ledehoff, second by David Beversdorf
- Disposition: Approved (14 yay, 0 nay)
- b. M. Architecture in Architecture (new proposal) - Presentation by Lyria Bartlett (Chair of Architectural Studies in A&S)
  - At the core of this proposal is “race to the finish” because UMKC also is proposing a Master of Architecture program.
  - Architectural Studies currently has an MA, and MS, and a PhD program. They propose to change the MA to an MArch, which is a professional degree that qualifies the graduate to move through the process of becoming licensed and is considered a terminal degree. It is project-based, and the accelerated portion of the program would allow Mizzou students to have a shortened pathway to full licensure (taking about 5 years off of the 13-year timeline from undergraduate degree to full licensure).
  - Architectural Studies currently has the courses, instructors, and bandwidth to add ‘studio cohorts’ of about 15 students a couple of times a week (2 grad cohorts). If we go beyond 45 students we’d have to add faculty lines or adjuncts but hope to grow the program in a sustainable way.
  - Architectural Studies is also attempting to get this program accredited with NAAB as soon as possible. The curriculum they have proposed aligns with this accreditation body. As soon as the curriculum is fully approved, they can file an eligibility application with NAAB and begin the process.
  - Attached to this proposal is the request that Dean Hart be able to issue blanket approval for students in this program to overload their course schedules (15+ hours/semester) to accommodate for the studio course hours, as this is a very rigorous program.
  - Motion not suspend typical voting rules made by Chi-Ren Shyu, second by Parker Owens, approved.
  - Motion to approve the program made by Chi-Ren Shyu, second by Abed Rabbani.
  - Disposition: Approved (13 yay, 0 nay)
  - Point of clarification: Dean Hart does have authority to blanket approve students for more than 15 hours/semester for this program.
- b. Awards – Marcello Mogetta, chair
  - i. We have received excellent nominations for the three competitions:
    - a. 10 Outstanding PhD nominations
    - b. 4 Outstanding Masters nominations

- c. 11 Outstanding Faculty nominations
    - ii. The committee has an internal deadline of Dec 1 for committee members to provide individual assessments, then we'll have a group meeting on Dec 12 to identify finalists and vote on winners. We'll communicate to GFS and let Enid Schatz know the disposition.
  - c. Policy – Prof. Chi-Ren Shyu, chair
    - i. In the last meeting we agreed to formalize a policy on “I” grade assignments.
    - ii. We would like graduate faculty to limit incompletes, for departments to monitor, and for the Graduate School to communicate to students and graduate faculty the specifics of the new policy.
    - iii. This came about because Undergraduate now has a policy on “I” grades so we're creating a Graduate policy to match. We're not 100% sure what the rationale was but this was a Faculty Council decision so Dean Hart asked policy committee to create a policy so there is clarity.
    - iv. There are financial aid concerns if students have “I” grades as well as “F” grades on their transcripts – loans can go into repayment status depending on how many “I” grades are on the transcript, and this is true of both graduate loans and undergraduate loans. We can work with financial aid to some extent to avoid some of those penalties but where it really is a problem is with post-comp PhD students who are continuously enrolled and taking research who get “I” grades on their research hours.
    - v. Can we change the “I” to a “W”? The student can request a revision of record but there's a committee (records committee) that considers those on a case-by-case basis. Students can withdraw close to the last week of the semester, so there is ample opportunity. Generally, if a student at the graduate level “incompletes” a course it's because they've found some other niche while still making good progress to a degree, so having the student withdraw before an “I” grade is necessary is encouraged.
    - vi. As the graduate policy-making body, we do have the authority to create policy but we can also educate graduate faculty on their options.
    - vii. Motion to accept the policy recommendation from the GFS to the Graduate School by Kristin Kopp, second Dan Edidin.
    - viii. Disposition: Approved (15 yay, 0 nay)
    - ix. Other policies under consideration: graduate student standing – undergraduate student standing has been simplified so we should consider whether graduate student standing should be simplified as well, and this will be presented at next meeting.
6. Report: Graduate Professional Council – Mr. Parker Owens, GPC Representative

- a. Good news: UMKC student government has reached out to Parker because they want to model their student government after Mizzou. They want to separate their undergraduate and graduate governments and have more interaction between graduate students and graduate faculty.
- b. Bad news: Tiger Pantry's swipe program (up to 12 swipes per semester) has run up a 2300-swipe deficit (\$7.25 per swipe, about \$15000 deficit, with 95% users being from the grad student population) – GPC will be doing a swipe donation drive as well as seeking monetary donations to try and make up the gap, but clearly it's needed, so we don't want it to be cut to only 6 swipes per semester.
- c. Swipe donation to Tiger Pantry at end of semester is possible and often happens through undergraduate students who donate their unused swipes rather than lose them. Education about this possibility as well as a Donation Campaign is a priority of GPC's new public relations team.
- d. To clarify, swipes are just for meal halls; Tiger Pantry doesn't have a limit on number of visits. Higher than budgeted use of the swipe program has resulted in deficit spending – there are 3000 on-campus grad students, and 8-10% of grad students depend on the swipes program. GPC is discussing the situation at their executive meeting and will be giving information on the situation to departments next week. On Dec 8 GPC will meet with campus leadership. It is important to note that the swipes are approved, not automatically granted. Additionally, it's important to note that international students cannot use the community food bank and have to use Tiger Pantry and are very much more dependent on school resources. Also, there is no additional allotment at Tiger Pantry based on family size – single students and families get same allotment, so GPC is working on getting additional portions for families, but in the meantime GPC is providing additional funding for that purpose.
- e. Additionally, GPC is working to get family items (formula, baby food, diapers, baby wipes) and kosher and halal foods available at Tiger Pantry in partnership with local food banks.
- f. Interdisciplinary case competition is on Jan 24(?) – several departments have provided sponsorship, and the competition is marketed to graduate and professional students but undergraduates are allowed to compete as well.
- g. GPC is getting ready to have a serious budget cut (16-20% so best case scenario they'll lose \$35k). There are a lot of services that the grad students are paying for through student fees but not receiving, even the most basic amenities like MizzouRec. Currently, GPC is working to make these amenities more accessible to graduate students – for example, with MizzouRec and other areas, to give grad students space and opportunities on campus that they don't currently have so they can feel comfortable on campus as grad students and not suffer discomfort because they're

intermingled or lumped in with the undergraduate students that they have teaching/mentoring relationships with.

- h. Biggest complaint that GPC heard last year from the graduate student population was that student's cant afford utilities/rent – and this is why the GPC's Financial Assistance Fund is so important.
7. Report: Graduate School – Prof. Jeni Hart, Dean of Graduate School and Vice Provost for Graduate Studies
- a. CIM system is going to be adding learning objectives as a field for new/changing proposals. In general, that's good practice to include and as an institution we have accreditation next year which requires that data. For the most part people have been accounting for their learning objectives on their syllabi, not in CIM. In the past, the syllabus wasn't required to be attached to the CIM proposal, but now it is.
  - b. The call for nominations for fellowships happened in mid-November. What used to be the "spring fellowships" are now called the "Legacy Building Fellowships" and will now be processed through InfoReady rather than through email applications. Some of those fellowships used to be race-based and cannot be any longer due to the SCOTUS decision, so we've reformed the language to be "Pell Grant eligible within the last 5 years" or "first-generation college student" or "bring diverse experience". McNair in particular used to be race-based but has been rebranded as a "first-gen college student" fellowship. Those data will be available so we'll have economic-based markers for use in nomination process.
8. Resolutions
- a. Resolutions Proposed: None
9. Announcement: meeting time for Spring 2024 semester
- a. Amy will send out a Qualtrics later today for us to determine time for next semester's meetings (last Tuesday of Jan, Feb, April at this time, or 130-3 or 330-5 – and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of March due to Spring Break)
  - b. We will probably move next semester's meetings back to Memorial Union.
10. Adjournment
- a. Motion to adjourn by Leslie Lyons, second by Matt Easter
  - b. Meeting adjourned at 11:50am