



March 19, 2024 10:30am-noon

110 Memorial Union

Attending: Keith Greenwood, Matt Easter, John Kerns, Abed Rabbani, Ashley Siebenaler, Amy Rhea, Maria Fidalgo, Paul Ladehoff, Leslie Lyons, Wenjun Ma, Julie Miller, Marcello Mogetta, Azlin Mustapha, Danielle Easter (for Erin Robinson), Jeff Wood, Angie Zapata, Yuwen Zhang, Chi-Ren Shyu, Jeni Hart, Enid Schatz, David Beversdorf, Dan Edidin

Quorum (12): Met

1. Call to order at 10:34am by Keith Greenwood
2. Acceptance of the agenda
  - a. No amendments
  - b. Agenda accepted
3. Approval of minutes of February 2024 meeting
  - a. Amendments: None
  - b. Motion to approve by Lyons, seconded by Fidalgo
  - c. Approved unanimously, 1 abstain
4. Vote Mizzou presentation – Molly Miller, President, Associated Students of the University of Missouri
  - a. ASUM is a student organization representing both undergraduate and graduate populations and promotes nonpartisan civic engagement. Miller spoke about the initiative called Vote Mizzou, which is an umbrella for all the initiatives for voting through the campus. They are looking for ways to engage the graduate student population as they're very heavy on undergraduate participants. They do reach out during Graduate Teaching Orientation and reach out to individual departments. They also have an opt-in newsletter. GFS can help by promoting voting and early voting by getting messages out to students in their colleges and encourage professors to excuse absences on Election Day. The polls are open 6am to 7pm, and everyone in Boone County can vote early in Stotler Lounge the week before Election Day. ASUM is also compiling a list of notaries on campus and reaching out to see if they would have 'office hours' for students to come get absentee ballots notarized. She noted that if you have a Missouri address then you can vote in Missouri. Other education initiatives include helping students figure out their actual voting location. Additional information will be available shortly on

“vote.missouri.edu”.

5. Committee Reports:

- a. Academic Affairs – Prof. Angie Zapata, chair
  - Course Approvals – changes to existing (edited) and new (added) courses – none available this close to end of semester  
(List of courses distributed separately)
  - Program Approvals and Program Change (edited)
  - Proposals Presented at February Meeting:
    - Graduate Certificate in Recreation and Sport Administration (new program)
      - Motion to approve by Jeff Wood
      - Second by Shyu
      - Discussion: None
      - Disposition: Approved unanimously
    - MEd in Learning, Teaching and Curriculum with Emphasis in English Education Certification
      - Motion to approve by Edidin
      - Second by Zapata
      - Discussion: None
      - Disposition: Approved unanimously
- b. Awards – Marcello Mogetta, chair
  - Final choices to be made at meeting tomorrow on March 20
  - We’re working on identifying a new committee chair since Marcello is standing down July 1.
- c. Policy – Prof. Chi-Ren Shyu, chair
  - Academic Standing for Graduate Students (final draft)
    - Requirement for academic unit to establish transparent policy for good standing, probation, dismissal beyond the Grad School standard for GPA for graduate students
    - Motion to adopt policy by Edidin, seconded by Lyons
    - Discussion ensued regarding how many departments don’t have such a policy in place and therefore it becomes an issue when difficult situations arise. Also want to encourage departments to codify professionalism especially if there is a code of ethics in their professional society. This policy would be implemented in AY 2024-2025.
    - Disposition: Approved unanimously
  - Mentoring Training Policy (policy only, no rationale drafted)
    - This policy would require new faculty to get mentoring training,

but does not preclude others from getting such training. It also gives the department chair the discretion to mandate training for specific faculty as needed.

- In May 2024, any student who is substantially funded on an NSF grant will need to have trained PI. This training already exists on campus and it covers the NSF requirement. We use the gold standard in training (CIMER) and can do face-to-face or online synchronous. It is interactive training rather than ‘play video and answer questions’ and is tailored for each audience. It is group training rather than individual training. There is a 4 hour training minimum, but is available for 6 or 8 hours to cover different modules. Departments can request training through the Provost’s website (Provost > Mentoring at Mizzou > CIMER Training Request) and we anticipate that this will be part of ongoing onboarding training.
  - These new policies will be discussed at New DGS Orientation and DGS Summit.
  - Dean Hart reminded the group that the ability for faculty who have received CIMER training elsewhere to have that recognized without having to redo the process is possible.
  - Motion to approve as presented made by Beversdorf, seconded by Eddin.
  - No further discussion.
  - Disposition: Approved unanimously.
- Graduate Student Vacation Policy (no policy for review at this meeting, will address at April meeting)
6. Report: Graduate Professional Council – Mr. Parker Owens, GPC Representative
    - a. No report.
  7. Report: Graduate School – Prof. Jeni Hart, Dean of Graduate School and Vice Provost for Graduate Studies
    - a. 4 courses deactivated during this cycle due to curriculum changes, didn’t affect programs other than the ones that created the courses.
    - b. GPC’s Research & Creative Activities Forum has decided to de-partner with Show Me Research Week so GPC will hold RCAF in April.
    - c. Rulemaking that was finalized in October 2023 requiring gainful employment transparency and must be instituted by July 2024. However, no consequences will occur until 2026. This won’t affect individual faculty except that it is now part of curriculum approval (which discontinued in 2016, and now has been reinstated due to legal requirements) so programs will take longer to get

through the system. We have to show that students who complete a credential are more likely than not to be gainfully employed as a result of the credential.

- d. FAFSA has been challenging with new FAFSA forms and doing calculations that get sent to schools. Any student who takes out any federal loans will be affected because Student Financial Aid needs to get info back from Department of Education before they put together the package to present to student. Student Financial Aid office is moving as fast as they can but they're only getting ~25 students per day from Dept of Ed.
  - e. Student health insurance provider is not changing (will remain with Anthem) and also the cost is going down for students next year. Additionally, we are moving to equal billing for domestic and international students, which helps both students and also grant writers who write health insurance coverage into their grants as it will be the same rate no matter whether they hire domestic or international students. About \$2600 for annual plan (students must enroll each semester to keep coverage active.)
  - f. Provost search committee will meet in 2 weeks to begin "narrowing down" process and then will be doing Zoom interviews. The committee makes decision about who will be interviewed, and then the chancellor makes the ultimate decision. More information will be available for the April meeting.
- 8. Old Business
    - a. None
  - 9. New Business
    - a. None
  - 10. Resolutions
    - a. None
  - 11. Announcements
    - a. Reminder that internal GFS elections (executive board) take place in April, as well as new senators getting oriented, so if you are interested in an exec board position, please let John Kerns know.
  - 12. Motion to adjourn by Beversdorf, adjournment at 11:49am by Keith Greenwood.