September 24, 2024 10:30am-noon

203 Memorial Union

Attending: David Beversdorf, Matt Easter, Dan Edidin, Maria Fidalgo, John Frymire, Enid Schatz, John Kerns, Paul Ladehoff, Jacqueline Limberg, Leslie Lyons, Julie Miller, Cristina Mislan, Jessica Osaze, Abada Rabbani, Amy Rhea, Erin Robinson, Yi Shang, Chi-Ren Shyu, Ashley Siebenaler, Jeff Wood.

Quorum (11): Met

1. Call to order at 10:33am

2. Approval of minutes of August 2024 meeting
   a. Disposition: approved

3. Acceptance of the agenda
   a. Motion by Easter
   b. Second by Frymire
   c. Disposition: approved

4. Special business for the day: VP Election
   a. None - need to further investigate and identify

5. Committee Reports:
   a. Academic Affairs Committee – Prof. Julie Miller, chair
      i. Course Approvals – changes to existing (edited) and new (added) courses Appendix I
         a. Motion by Miller on behalf of AAC
         b. Second unnecessary because it comes from committee
         c. Disposition: Approved unanimously
      ii. Program Approvals
      Appendix III (revised programs presented on 8/27/2024)
         a. Elec Engr - AAC recommends, disposition = approved unanimously
         b. Learning, Teaching, and Curriculum program in Teaching English as a Second or Other Language - AAC recommends, disposition = approved unanimously
         c. MPH Public Health - AAC recommends, discussion ensued regarding internship credits for out-of-dept faculty in on-campus internships (so faculty get credit for teaching workload) - disposition = approved unanimously
         d. Learning Tech and Design emph. Online Edu - AAC recommends,

disposition = approved unanimously
  e. Learning Tech and Design emph. Learning Tech in Schools
  f. MS Medical Pharmacology and Physiology; disposition = approved
  g. Learning, Teaching, and Curriculum with emph. art education = approved
  h. MPH Pub health emp. health promotion and policy = approved
  i. PhD Theatre and Performance Studies = approved
Appendix III (new programs)
  a. Informatics emph. Geospatial Informatics = approved
  b. Engr programs w/ emphasis in Neuroengineering (4 distinct programs EE, CS, CE, Masters Engr) = approved
  c. MLIS emph. Health Librarianship = approved
  d. MS Artificial Intelligence = approved

iii. New Program Proposals

Graduate Certificate in Human Resources Management – Prof. Christopher Robert, College of Business
  a. Ryan Murray (MS program) and Christopher Robert
  b. Want to offer credential because of student interest and prospective student interest. We also have a lot of expertise in our dept that can be dedicated to that. MBA has 8 certs to choose from in addition to their MBA core courses (so you get MBA and also a GC).
  c. Seeing some interest as a standalone GC. There are some 1.5 hr courses in the curriculum so they can take 4-5 courses for the GC.
  d. All online courses but not just offered to online market – in-seat students area also interested.
  e. Ther is lots of demand for people in HR with a senior credential even though you can get a job in HR with just an undergraduate degree.

AI PhD Program – Prof. Yi Shang, College of Engineering
  a. New program proposed by Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
  b. Proposed at same time as MS AI, Mizzou trying to become a leader in the state in this area, no univ has a PhD in AI yet.
  c. There is interdisciplinary research potential, job market growing rapidly compared to other areas of technology, based on current offerings (8 core courses, 26 elective courses, in EECS and other engineering depts) to support the degree; current faculty (over 20) working in this area of research, no new faculty required, no new courses at this time but open to developing additional courses and working with other relevant courses from other CSDs on campus
  d. Most students are grant-funded in EECS. This program would be housed in EECS along with PhD Electrical Engineering and PhD Computer Science. Potential for being an interdisciplinary area program – follow up with this idea. Make sure that students are aware of program's existence if they're coming from other depts and not looking at EECS.
  e. Is ethics course required? Not currently but, campus is creating something to fill that need.

b. Fellowships and Awards Committee – Prof. John Kerns, chair
   i. Still awaiting stuff to review - November 1 is the big deadline, thesis award can be self-nominated and we're always low on those submissions.
c. Policy Subcommittee – Prof. Maria Fidalgo, chair
   - Grad Status A automatic for any newly hired ranked faculty member
     o Policy under consideration by committee - will report back.
     o Grant automatically to those with terminal degrees? And those who don't have a terminal degree can be put forward through the grad/doc faculty process?
     o This would only apply to units associated with a graduate degree
     o Will work on the language for next meeting
   - Inconsistence of Grad Status B in chairing thesis/dissertation committee
     o Need to change the bylaws
     o Policy is that status B can't be the chair of a doctoral committee but can be co-chair, and we're more in agreement with policy so bylaws need to be updated to reflect the process we're actually using.
     o Recommend that we start the bylaw amend process so that the chair of a doctoral committee will always be an active MU faculty member (status A).

6. Report: Graduate Professional Council – Ms. Jessica Osaze, GPC Representative
   a. some depts have grad student bios, some do not, so GPC wants there to be equity throughout the departments so that they can adequately spotlight their grad students who are going out and going to conferences and looking for jobs etc.
   b. FERPA waiver needed for each student
   c. GPC recommends that their be some publication of the graduate students on the dept websites, but GFS can't make policy … only strongly recommend that the depts do this

7. Report: Graduate School – Prof. Enid Schatz, Associate Dean of the Graduate School
   a. Enrollment - grad enrollment down this semester at 5216 (down by about 300)
   b. New grad students down by about 100
   c. Underrepresented minority students up by 25
   d. Distance students down 3% since 2021
   e. Doctoral students down 80
   f. Masters and specialists 3432 instead of 3476
   g. Care Team now has a grad student specialist (Sheila Cain) - when you fill out a Care Team one person is now handling them.
   h. There is a strategic plan mandate to increase to enrollment og graduate students to 9000 in the next 5 years
   i. Also in strategic plan: increase number of grad stu applying for prestigious awards form 30 to 100; increase GRA funding from outside research grants from 60% to 85%

8. Brainstorming GFS new Initiatives in 2024-2025 for alignment with [MU Startegic Plan](#) in Graduate Education
   a. Meeting materials include the summary of the Strat Plan

9. Other new business
   a. Need 2 members for appeals committee

10. Resolutions
    a. No resolutions.

11. Announcements
    a. Please stay after the meeting for a group photo of the Graduate Faculty Senate.

12. Adjournment
    a. Adjourned at 1159am.