



November 19, 2024 10:30am-noon
S203 Memorial Union

Attending: Matt Easter, Maria Fidalgo, Paul Ladehoff, Jacqueline Limberg, Cristina Mislan, Rajiv Mohan, Jessica Osaze, Puntara Pukthuanthong, Erin Robinson, Chi-Ren Shyu, Yi Shang, Jeff Wood, Enid Schatz, Amy Rhea, Ashley Siebenaler, David Beversdorf

1. Call to order at 10:33am by Chi-Ren Shyu
2. Approval of minutes of September 2024 and October 2024 meetings
 - a. September 2024
 - i. Motion to approve by Emily Crawford-Rossi
 - ii. Seconded by Erin Robinson
 - iii. Amendments: None
 - iv. Disposition: Approved unanimously
 - b. October 2024
 - i. Motion to approve by Emily Crawford-Rossi
 - ii. Seconded by Erin Robinson
 - iii. Amendments: Add Chi-Ren Shyu as in attendance
 - iv. Disposition: Approved unanimously, as amended
3. Acceptance of the agenda
 - a. Motion to approve by Paul Ladehoff
 - b. Disposition: Agenda accepted unanimously
4. Special business #1 for the day: Member At Large Election – Interim VP Prof. Erin Robinson
 - a. Tabled until January meeting
5. Special business #2 for the day: Continuing Discussion on Graduate Advising for College of Business
 - a. Discussion ensued on merits of having a staff academic advisor for such a large program. It was mentioned that students connect with faculty based on interest by taking their classes, so they also have a faculty member to guide them. Most students don't have a capstone/thesis so having a faculty advisor is less of a concern and the DGS is the one who signs the M3 form.
 - b. Peer schools are largely doing faculty advisors, but having staff academic advisors is less common but present. The argument was made that regardless of what peer schools are doing, student should have a relationship with a faculty advisor even if they are not doing capstone/thesis because at the graduate level this sort of relationship is customary and expected.

- c. There was mention of documenting workload associated with faculty-student advising relationship.
- d. Discussion tabled until January meeting. Language for policy that addresses concerns of workload and accountability (so faculty coordinator and DGS are not the same person) will be presented then.

6. Committee Reports:

i. Academic Affairs Committee – Prof. Julie Miller, chair

a. Course Approvals – Appendix I

Changes to existing (edited) and new (added) courses

- Recommended for approval by committee; no second needed.
- No discussion.
- Disposition: Approved unanimously.

b. Program Approvals – Appendix II

New programs presented on 8/27/2024 and 10/25/2024

Edited program

- ME emphasis in Neural Engineering
 - Recommended for approval by committee; no second needed.
 - No discussion.
 - Disposition: Approved unanimously
- MPH
 - Recommended for approval by committee; no second needed.
 - No discussion.
 - Disposition: Approved unanimously
- Learning, Teaching and Curriculum emphasis in Learning Technology
 - Recommended for approval by committee; no second needed.
 - No discussion.
 - Disposition: Approved unanimously

b. Fellowships and Awards Committee – Prof. John Kerns, chair

- i. Currently in review process with a deadline of Dec 5. Announcements will be made in January for GFS and publically recognized in April at Graduate and Postdoctoral Awards Reception.

c. Policy Subcommittee – Prof. Maria Fidalgo, chair

- Inconsistence of Grad Status B in chairing thesis/dissertation committee (bylaw amadement language)
 - Doctoral Faculty: an additional status that may only be granted to those with Graduate Faculty Status “A” or “B.” Such an additional status allows the faculty member to chair or co-chair doctoral committees. Only retired or departed faculty from MU are eligible for doctoral status while holding Status B, but they will need to co-chair doctoral committees with

a colleague with Faculty Status A. Doctoral status requires renewal every 5 years.

- Chair/Director role on advisor selection and faculty workload policies (Discussion)
Appendix III

- DGS will sign off on advisor changes for graduate students. As appropriate, the DGS will inform the department chair or *responsible person for workload assignments* in programs that are within a department for workload assignment purposes.

7. Report: Graduate Professional Council – Ms. Jessica Osaze, GPC Representative
 - a. Tiger Pantry Swipes Program cannot be sustained. \$20k was donated by the Provost last year, with no commitment for this year. Tiger Pantry needs the commitment or the program goes away completely. GPC donated an additional \$7k this year as a stopgap.
 - b. GPC asks endorsement of GFS to continue swipes program; GFS asked for more information about how the graduate student body benefits so they can prepare the FY 2026 budget.
8. Report: Graduate School – Prof. Enid Schatz, Associate Dean of Graduate School
 - a. Reminder about commencement Dec 14 at noon in Hearnes Center – arrive at 11am for lineup.
9. Other new business
 - a. Sinclair School of Nursing has asked for language encouraging faculty advisors to pay more than minimum wage for Student Assistant Research and Student Assistant Teaching graduate positions, since this hourly position's compensation range is calculated as if an undergraduate student with less experience and technical knowledge is holding the job.
 - b. After discussion, it was decided to get more input from Human Resources.
10. Resolutions
 - a. None.
11. Announcements
 - a. None.
12. Motion to adjourn by David Beversdorf. Adjournment at 11:48am by Chi-Ren Shyu.