

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 2022  
MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL**

The Graduate Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 via ZOOM. Chair Melissa Penkalski called the meeting to order at 3:32.

**Members Present:** Drs. Abernathy, Adler, Agrawal, Beckham, Bledsoe, Boyle, Buyurgan, Chang, Chen, Christian, Finn, Hines, Horine, Hulme, Kaatz, Kageyama, King, G. Masterson, J. Masterson, Murray, Nixon, Panzer, Penkalski, Smith, Stanton, Wang, and Woodard; Ms. Pippa and Williams  
**Members Absent:** Drs. Barffour, Besara, Cornelison, Gebken, Given, Hart, Hass, Hauschildt, Jamos, Lazic, Mckay. Onyango, Schaefer, Seay, Su, Ward, Willey and Witte; Mr. Edwards; Ms. Besara

***Approval of Minutes***

A motion was made by Dr. Abernathy and seconded by Dr. Woodard to approve the minutes from the April 2022 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

***Committee Reports***

Report of the Council Chair – Melissa Penkalski

Dr. Penkalski thanked everyone for their work to support the Graduate Council and graduate education at MSU. She also announced that next year the meetings will be held via Zoom unless there is a program or other issues that would require meeting in person.

Report of the Graduate Dean – Julie Masterson

- A. Announcements: For a complete listing of announcement and deadlines, see the “*Graduate College Update*” at <http://graduate.missouristate.edu/facultystaff/Council.htm>.
- B. EIDF and Post celebration. The EIDF and the Post celebration will be held on Saturday, May 7. Please attend and encourage your students and other faculty to attend both events. The Post celebration will be held at Hold Fast Brewery.
- C. SU22 and FA22. As of now, SU22 and FA22 registration are up compared to last year.
- D. EVP/Provost Search. The 2<sup>nd</sup> candidate presentation is Thursday, May 5. Everyone is encouraged to attend to show strong support of graduate education. Also, please make sure to complete the evaluation/survey to let the search committee and President Smart know your thoughts on the candidates.

Report of the Graduate Student Senate –Algerian Hart

No report.

Report of the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – Elizabeth King

The following departmental criteria was approved:

Childhood Education and Family Studies  
Nursing  
Occupational Therapy

The following faculty were approved for full graduate faculty status:

Deepti Agrawal	ITC	Research
James Anderson	DSS	Research
Xiang Guo	ITC	Research
Amber Howard	CEFS	Professional
Raju Mainali	ITC	Research
Curtis McGiffin	DSS	Research
Amanda Moodie	DSS	Research
Jennifer Yates	OT	Professional

Report of the Graduate Grievance Committee – Lloyd Smith

No report.

Report of the Graduate Scholarship Committee – Amy Hulme

The winners of the Boritzki and Ford Scholarship and the Masterson Family Research award were recently chosen. The students are being notified now and will be announced at the EIDF on May 7

Report of the Graduate Screening Committee – Ching-Wen Chang

The following Non-Substantive Proposals were reported:

Course Changes

- COU 704 Introduction to School Counseling – change hours
- COU 709 Introduction to Mental Health Counseling – change prerequisite

The following Substantive Proposals were approved:

Program Changes

- MS, COU, Clinical Mental Health Counseling – change program description, retention requirements, course requirements and portfolio

Program Deletion

- Homeland Security and Defense Graduate Certificate

New Course

- MCL 611 Graduate Student Success and Intercultural Skills
- PBH 754 Health Policy

Course Changes

- NUR 761 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics – change description
- NUR 765 Applications of Advanced Pathophysiology – change prerequisite, description, contact hours and periodicity

***Unfinished Business***

None

***New Business***

Dr. King presented the following Resolution in honor of chairperson, Melissa Penkalski:

**Resolution in Honor of Dr. Melissa Penkalski**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Melissa Penkalski has provided dedicated service and insightful leadership as Chairperson of the Graduate Council during the 2021-2022 academic year; and

**WHEREAS**, She has offered extensive guidance to all who work in and support graduate education; and

**WHEREAS**, She has presided over the Council with patience, attention to detail, and openness to ideas; and

**WHEREAS**, Her sharing of student successes inspired the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, She has prioritized the well-being of others and continuously represented the needs of graduate faculty and students; and

**WHEREAS**, Her adaptability in presiding over both in-person and Zoom meetings made a chaotic time feel a bit more composed; and

**WHEREAS**, Speaking of Zoom, her problem-solving abilities were much appreciated on the day she moved a meeting to Zoom because it was “icky out;” and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Graduate Council of Missouri State University commends Dr. Penkalski for this past academic year of leadership and extends its thanks and appreciate for her exceptional work as Chairperson of the Graduate Council during 2021-2022.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

***Open Mic***

The MFA, Visual Studies students are presenting their final project work at the Springfield Art Museum on May 6. Everyone is invited to see the work of these talented students.

***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 3.44.

Melissa Penkalski, Chairperson

*Dr. Melissa Penkalski*

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 2022 ORGANIZATIONAL  
MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL**

**Members Present:** Drs. Abernathy, Adler, Agrawal, Beckham, Bledsoe, Buyurgan, Cardin, Chang, Chen, Christian, Finn, Friske, Hines, S. Hoelscher, Horine, Hulme, Kaatz, King, G. Masterson, J. Masterson, Murray, Panzer, Smith, Stanton, Wang, and Woodard; Ms. Pippa, Swan and Williams

**Members Absent:** Drs. Barffour, Cardin-Jessen, Cornelison, Gebken, Given, Hart, Hass, C. Hoelscher, Jamos, Mckay. Seay, Su, Ward, and Witte; Ms. Besara and Cook

The organizational meeting of the 22/23 Council was called to order at 3:45 with Dr. Julie Masterson presiding.

She asked for nominations for chairperson. Dr. Chang nominated Dr. Elizabeth King. The motion was seconded and hearing no other nominations, Dr. King was unanimously elected.

Having no other New Business, the meeting adjourned at 4:02. The next meeting of the Graduate Council will be on September 7, 2022.

Elizabeth King, Chairperson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth King". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name of the chairperson.