

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

The Graduate Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 via ZOOM. Chair Elizabeth King called the meeting to order at 3:30.

Members Present: Drs. Abernathy, Agrawal, Barffour, Beckham, Bledsoe, Buyurgan, Cardin, Chang, Chen, Choi, Christian, DeBode, Finn, Friske, Given, Gouzie, Hass, Hines, C. Hoelscher, S. Hoelscher, Hulme, Jamos, Kaatz, Kageyama, King, G. Masterson, J. Masterson, Murray, Panzer, Ragan, Penkalski, Sakidja, Seay, Smith, Stanton, Swan, Ward and Wehrman; Ms. Cook, Pippa and Williams; Mr. Moser and Sitapara

Members Absent: Drs. Agrawal, Cornelison, Derayati, Horine, Onyango, Wang and Woodard

Guests: Drs. Church, Davis, Guo, Hudson, M. Masterson, Perkins, Rose, Rozell and Thompson

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Hass and seconded by Dr. DeBode to approve the minutes from the May 2022 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Report of the Council Chair – Elizabeth King

No report.

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. Interim Associate Dean. Carrisa Hoelscher was introduced as the new Interim Associate Dean for the Graduate College. She will oversee recruitment and communication including EMP and Signal Vine.
- C. FA22 enrollment. As of 9/7/22, there are 4, 268 graduate students enrolled which is up almost 100 students over the census number from FA21. We were anticipating that numbers could be down so thank you to all the program directors and departments that worked hard to get students admitted and enrolled.
- D. New committees. Two university-wide committees have been formed and Dr. Masterson serves on both of them. They include Enrollment Management chaired by Zora Mulligan and Academic Disruptors chaired by John Jasinski. Dr. Masterson will be setting up some graduate-specific subcommittees related to these two main committees.

Report of the Graduate Student Senate –Dhruv Sitapara

A pizza and trivia night will be held on Sept 9 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Union Club. GSS is setting up a slack channel. Other events being planned include a tailgate party at a football game, a research showcase and some fund raising opportunities.

Dhruv encouraged Council members to email him with the names of any graduate students who would be interested in serving on GSS.

Report of the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – Abdullah Jamos

The following faculty were approved for full graduate faculty status:

Tuhina Banerjee	CBC	Research
Joni Chester	SWK	Professional
Mukulika Ghosh	CSC	Research
Susan Cupka Head	SWK	Professional
Seth Lungren	BIO	Professional
Abigail McCarty	SWK	Professional
Kristen Shuler	SWK	Professional
Brooke Taylor	DSS	Research

The following faculty were approved for probational graduate faculty status:

Andrew Ward	PT	Research
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Report of the Graduate Grievance Committee – Amber Abernathy

No report.

Report of the Graduate Scholarship Committee – Amy Hulme

Nominations for the Distinguished Thesis Award are due in the Graduate College on September 15. There are 4 categories of thesis for this award. The nominations for the Excellence in Teaching Award are due in the Graduate College October 1. This nomination includes a video submission. All information can be found at <https://graduate.missouristate.edu/CurrentStudents/Awards.htm>.

Report of the Graduate Screening Committee – Melissa Penkalski

The following Non-Substantive Proposals were reported:

Course Changes

- REC 651 Outdoor Leadership – change description
- PLS 754 Seminar in Health Policy – change description
- ACC 794 Internship: Accounting – change prerequisite and description
- COU 700 Problems in Counseling– change prerequisite
- COU 701 Assessment and Testing for Counselors – change prerequisite
- COU 702 School Counseling Foundations and Ethics – change prerequisite
- COU 703 Professional Orientation and Ethical Practice in School and Mental Health Counseling – change prerequisite
- COU 705 Orientation to Personal and Professional Development in Mental Health and School Counseling – change prerequisite
- COU 707 Human Growth and Development – change prerequisite
- COU 766 Psychopharmacology for Counselors – change prerequisite
- COU 799 Thesis – change prerequisite

The following Substantive Proposals were approved:

Program Changes

- MA, Writing – change comprehensive examination and remove portfolio requirement
- MACC – change credits of 600-level courses from 9 to 12

MACC change #2 – change admission requirements
MS, Counseling, School Counseling – change program description, retention requirements, required hours and degree requirements
Accounting Analytics certificate – change total hours from 12 to 9; change required hours
Forensic Accounting certificate – change total hours from 12 to 9; change required hours
Management Accounting certificate – change total hours from 12 to 9; change required hours
Tax Accounting certificate – change total hours from 12 to 9; change required hours
Public Health Administration certificate– change required course

Program Deletion

Public Health and Homeland Security certificate – including accelerated option

New Course

ENG 632 Writing in the Legal Profession
ENG 637 Writing for Intercultural Audiences
ENG 650 Writing About Food
DSS 840 Seminar on National Security Strategies
ITC 755 Data Analysis and Visualization
MCL 736 Advanced Proficiency in World Languages
MGT 780 MHA Capstone Seminar
PLS 625 International Security

Course Changes

BMS 727 Human Gross Anatomy – change hours and description
ENG 694 Technical Writing Internship – change description
ENG 772 Introduction to Technical Writing – change title
MGT 708 Health Informatics and Data Analytics – change title and description
OTE 761 Level 1 Fieldwork Seminar – change description

Course Deletions

ITC 742 Management of End User Computing
ITC 750 Sourcing and Procurement

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Dr. King stated that Dr. Smith has contacted her with concerns about the “Grading and Credit Point System” chart (<https://www.missouristate.edu/registrar/catalog/grades.htm>) which is for undergraduate students only. Should a chart be developed for graduate students with grades and descriptions that are allowed and acceptable for graduate programs? Secondly, plus/minus grading is an issue in some departments. Since faculty are allowed to decide if they use plus/minus grading there are courses in departments where one section is subject to plus/minus grading and other sections use regular grading. This greatly affects a student if they are given a C- versus a C. A graduate student can use a C on a graduate program but a C- cannot be used. Is this grading policy still appropriate?

Dr. King asked for volunteers for an ad hoc committee to discuss these issues and report back to Council. Volunteers included Dr. Smith, Dr. Swan and Dr. Kaatz and a representative from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Drs. King and Masterson will contact others to be on the committee.

Open Mic

Dr. Gouzie reported that he recently discovered that the National Gem and Mineral Organization have given scholarships to geology students for over 50 years. Until recently, these scholarships were generally given to undergraduates but the organization has now decided to give them to graduate students. They contacted Dr. Gouzie who recommended 2 MSU geology graduate students who each received a \$4,000 scholarship.

Dr. Barffour announced that the Modern and Classical Languages department has been renamed World Languages and Cultures. This department now houses the undergraduate global studies degree.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

The next meeting of the Graduate Council will be on October 5, 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 printed name.