



Graduate Council
Minutes—Thursday, April 29, 2021, 2:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Aaron Hughey, Carl Dick, Martha Day, Marko Dumancic, Diane Lickenbrock, Richard Schugart, Scott Arnett, Sarah Ochs, Ranjit Koodali, Dana Sullivan, Phillip Hogan, Helen Liang, Ray Blankenship, Angie Dolan, Cheryl Hopson, Adam West, Camille Acosta, Lily Zhuhadar, Dawn Garrett-Wright

Members Absent: Jordan Constant, Hannah Cady, Marla Zubel, J. Alex Broskey

Guests: Ann Ferrell, Cathleen Webb, Ahmet Kaan Aydin, Katrina Burch, Jennifer Hammonds, Colette Chelf, Danita Kelley, Rheanna Plemons, Evelyn Thrasher, Merrall Price, Laura Burchfield

1. Call to Order *Hughey
2. Consideration of April 8, 2021, minutes (APPENDIX A) *Dumancic/Lickenbrock; approved.
3. Report from Graduate Council Executive Committee *Hughey shared the names of the elected representatives for the next Graduate Council.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Policy Committee (No Report) *Dick provided an update on a previous policy and announced the Senate will consider the JUMP policy next week.
 - b. Curriculum Committee (APPENDIX B) *Day made a motion to approve the report - Dumancic/Schugart; approved.
 - c. Student Research Grants Committee (APPENDIX C) *Lickenbrock announced that they approved funding for four projects. There was a motion to approve the report - West/Sullivan; approved.
5. Graduate School Reports
 - a. Graduate School Enrollment Reports (No Report)
 - b. Report from the Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Education *Koodali discussed previous and upcoming events. *Chelf announced that end-user testing for Degree Works is May 11 – 27. *Slate's Customer Relationship Management (CRM) is being tested. *Koodali discussed his role in the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools. He provided information on initiatives with the Educational Testing Service (ETS). He shared five key takeaways in the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Graduate Students. Lastly, he thanked the Graduate Council Members for their service.

6. Election of Graduate Council Vice Chair for 2021-22 *Dana Sullivan and Richard Schugart have been nominated for Vice Chair. Move to close nominations - Dick/West. Dana Sullivan has been elected as the next Vice Chair.

7. Public Comments *Schugart asked how the new funding model will affect future stipend dispersions. Koodali explained the distribution process. *Koodali discussed his long-term goals for the Graduate School.

8. Announcements & Adjourn *Dick/Schugart; adjourned.