

**Graduate Academic Affairs Committee
Saint Louis University
Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 8, 2022**

Present: Martha Allen, Christopher Arnatt, Latoya Cash, Marissa Cope, Felicia Echols, Michael Elliot, Audra Frick, Jesus Garcia-Martinez, Elizabeth Gockel-Blessing, Riyadh Hindi, Irma Kuljanishvili, , Joe Lyons, Hisako Matsuo, Shreya Nagendra, Joseph Nichols, J. Mark Pousson, William Rehg, Simon Rentea, Ann Scarlett, Joseph Schafer, April Trees, and Robert Wood

Excused: Palash Bera, Anthony Breitbach, David Cassens, Christine Harper, Stacey Harrington, Jay Haugen, Helen Lach, Kristi Richter, Steven Sanchez, Abigail Schnell, and Theodore Vitali

The Graduate Academic Affairs Committee (GAAC) meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was presented to the committee for approval. The motion passed. The committee adopted the agenda with no additions.

Associate Provost's Remarks

No remarks.

Minutes

The March minutes were approved with no corrections.

Correspondence

None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE:

Dr. Hisako Matsuo – IRB Issues

Dr. Matsuo provided an update regarding the ongoing problems with the IRB process and the discovery of additional issues with other academic departments. Concerns ranged from the adverse effects on students to hindrances to funded research. Her team is still researching and working to find a strategic way to resolve the IRB issues.

Dr. Robert Wood - GAAC New Structure Representation

Dr. Robert Wood asked for the committee to look at how to address the reorganization of departments/programs and representation on GAAC. Dr. April Trees and Dr. Riyadh Hindi agreed to look at how to address the restructuring of departments/programs and additional representation on the GAAC.

New Business

Announcements/Issues

The GAAC adjourned the meeting.

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Dr. Robert Wood
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