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


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  
Associate Provost, Academic Affairs