

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO
DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
ACTION MINUTES

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Location
3:30pm-5:00pm
2/2/2021

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Abtin Shahrokh Hamedani, Ana Loreto Narro Laborin, Anna Penna, Arkangel Cordero, Billy Land, Bridget Drinka, Catherine Clinton, Corey Sparks, Doug Frantz, Drew Stephen, Elaine Sanderes, Elisha Reynolds, Heather Trepal, Hung-Da Wan, Jorge Solis, Jurgen Engelberth, Liang Tang, Libby Rowe, Lupita (Guadalupe) Carmona, Matthew Brogdon, Megan Augustyn, Melissa Wallace, Michael Baumann, Michael Cepek, Nicholas Large, Page Smith, Patricia Akello, Patricia Jaramillo, Ram Tripathi, Richard Harris, Rohit Valencha, Selena Angel, Shamshad Khan, Sugata Data, Terence Hill, Victor Villarreal, Wei-Ming Lin, Xiaoyin Wang, Zijun Wang

Absent:

Visitors: Anson Ong, Chad Mahood, Jeff Ragsdale, Juliet Langman, Medhi Shadaram

II. Reports

A. Council Chair

- Consent Agenda
 - December minutes – approved without opposition
 - Special memberships – approved without opposition

B. Dean of Graduate School

- Graduate School Signature Initiatives: Updates and Discussion
 - Presentation included discussion of enrollment, programs (e.g., STIRUP), recruitment and admissions (VIP, KRWU), retention and funding, awards, engagement (Center for Transdisciplinary Training, Center for Graduate & Postdoc Career and Professional Development), career outcomes, research designation (NRUF review, Carnegie review)
 - Speakers regarding national landscape and best practices in preparation recruitment, retention, and readiness
 - Canales (March 10, 1:0-2:30) and Posselt (March 18, 12:00-1:30)
 - Speakers regarding career exposure and preparation in various fields, as well as competency based marketable skills
 - See slides for information on planned meetings (scheduled throughout the rest of the semester)
 - Free of cost to students and community members
 - Announcements and invitations will be made soon
 - Presentation slides available from the Graduate School

C. Secretary

- No report

- D. Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses
 - Career Technology and Engineering Teaching (CTET) Certificate
 - Representatives summarized purpose of the certificate – to allow instructors to complete (via this 9-hour certificate plus a related 9-hour graduate certificate) 18 hours of graduate-level engineering courses in order to make them eligible to teach dual-credit courses
 - Graduate Council approved the certificate proposal

- E. Committee on Graduate Program Evaluation
 - To avoid delays associated with waiting for reports from external reviewers, Graduate Council will rely on involvement in evaluation interviews and a review of program report
 - Upcoming evaluations include:
 - Computer Science – April 12
 - Mathematics – March 22-23
 - The Graduate Council Chair will visit with members of the Committee on Graduate Program Evaluation to discuss evaluation procedures, which will include an evaluation of curriculum, student funding, and student preparation for various careers

- F. Committee on Academic Policy and Requirements
 - Graduate Catalog updates
 - Members of the Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses and members of the Committee on Academic Policy and Requirement (total of 11 members) will complete a review of the 13 sections of the Graduate Catalog
 - Committee Chair will assign specific sections of the Catalog to Graduate Council members
 - Must be voted on at the March 2021 Graduate Council meeting
 - Vote on proposed changes to Article IV of the bylaws (regarding duties of the Secretary)
 - Graduate Council approved the proposed bylaws change
 - Vote on proposed changes to Article VII of the bylaws (regarding Rules of Procedure and moving the Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses permanently to the top)
 - Amendment made in the meeting (2. Graduate Council & Executive Committee Chair) to clarify reporting during meetings
 - Graduate Council approved the proposed bylaws change

III. Unfinished Business

- None reported

IV. New Business

- None reported

V. Adjournment