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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

I.   Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Abtin Shahrokh Hamedani; Ambika Mathur; Ana Narro Laborin Anna Penna, Arkangel Cordero; Bridget Drinka; Catherine Clinton, Corey Sparks, Dough Frantz, Drew Stephen, Elaine Sanders, Elisha Reynolds, Guadalupe Carmona, Heather Trepal, Hung-Da Wan; Jorge Solis; Jurgen Engelberth; Kenneth Walker, Liang Tang; Libby Rowe, Matthew Troia; Matthew Brogdon; Megan Augustyn, Melissa Wallace, Michael Baumann; Michael Cepek; Nicolas Large; Page Smith; Patricia Akello; Patricia Jaramillo; Ram Tripathi; Richard Harris; Rohit Valecha; Saugata Datta; Shamshad Khan; Terrence Hill; Victor Villarreal; Wei-Ming Lin; William Land; Xiaoyin Wang; Zijun Wang

Absent: Angela Lombardi; Selina Angel

Visitor: Chad Mahood; Jeff Ragsdale

II.   Reports

   A.   Council Chair (Jurgen Engelberth)
      • Consent Agenda
         o February minutes – approved with no discussion
         o Special memberships – approved with no discussion
      • Senate Report
         o Provost presented an update on new classroom equipment
         o Discussed availability of option for 8-week course offerings (option has been made available within the past year)

   B.   Dean of Graduate School (Ambika Mathur)
      • Announced South Texas Inter-disciplinary Research for Undergraduates Program (STIRUP) to better prepare undergraduate students for graduate school
         o Will be based on faculty-student mentorship and a cohort model to create opportunities for research and promote student diversity in research
         o Submit names of student nominees to Ambika Mathur (a flyer/ announcement will be sent out soon with additional information)
      • Addressed council member question about whether the number of assistantship positions for programs is based on type of programs (e.g., doctoral vs. master's)
         o Ambika noted that decisions regarding allocation of resources and number of assistantships to different types of programs are made at the college level
      • The report regarding from the ad hoc GAR committee will be shared prior to the April 2021 Graduate Council meeting
      • The previously announced speaker series/presentations have begun, with two sessions complete; attendance has been poor (11 participants [other than

graduate school staff] attended the first presentation, 5 participants [other than graduate school staff] attended the second presentation)
- o Important to continue to promote speaker series offerings to all faculty and graduate students
- o Suggestion made to ask GRAs to attend presentations, send out more frequent notices/reminders about the presentations, and use TEAMS

C. Secretary (Victor Villarreal)
- Announcements have been sent to department chairs about electing and confirming Graduate Council members for next year, with a date of April 1st proposed to submit names for Graduate Council members for next year
  - o Follow up with your Department Chairs to ensure that members are elected soon
- The Graduate Council is now seeking nominations for the following officer positions: President, Secretary, and Parliamentarian
  - o Email the Graduate Council secretary or Anahi with nominations
  - o A reminder email will be sent that includes the descriptions of the officers' roles

D. Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses (Matthew Brogdon)
No report

E. Committee on Graduate Program Evaluation
No report

F. Committee on Academic Policy and Requirements (Elaine Sanders)
- Comments and recommended changes to the Graduate Catalog were presented and include changes to the following sections: Doctoral Degrees, College of Architecture and Construction Planning, College of Business, College of Engineering, College of Science
- None of the recommended changes preclude a vote by the Graduate Council
- A motion was made to accept the 2021-2023 graduate catalog contingent on recommended changes being addressed by the Graduate School
  - o Graduate Council approved the motion

III. Unfinished Business

IV. New Business

V. Adjournment