

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

<b>TEAMS</b> <b>5/3/2022</b> <b>3:30-5:00</b>
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- I. Call to order and taking of attendance
  - Present: Alfonso Apicella, Ambika Mathur, Arkangel Cordero, Andrea Aleman, Corey Sparks, Elaine Sanders, Glenn Dietrich, Guadalupe Carmona, Heather Trepal, Hung-Da Wan, James McDonald, Jose Lopez-Ribot, Jorge Solis, Juan Manuel Nino, Judy Haschenburger, Jurgen Engelberth, Melissa Wallace, Michael Baumann, Michael Cepek, Natasha Burns, Ovidio Giberga, Patricia Jaramillo, Ram Tripathi, Richard J Harris, Samer Dessouky, Sara Oswald, Stephanie Westney, Terrance Hill, Victor Villarreal, William Land, Zachary Tonzetich
  - Absent: Megan Augustyn, Nicolas Large, Matthew Troia, Kenneth Walker, Xiaoyin Wang, Amina Qutub, Angela Lombardi, Wei-Ming Lin
  - Visitor: Chad Mahood, Rob Tillyer, Jeffrey Ragsdale, Jake Sullivan, Ginger Hernandez
- II. Consent Agenda
  - April 2022 minutes approved with no objections
  - Special Membership approved with no objections
- III. Reports
  - A. Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses
    - MS in Health, Community, and Policy
      - Sara Oswald provided an overview of the program
      - The Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses recommended approval of the program
      - Graduate Council voted to approve the program
    - MS in Kinesiology
      - William Land provided an overview of the program
      - The Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses recommended approval of the program
      - Graduate Council voted to approve the program
  - B. Council Chair
    - Faculty Senate report
      - Faculty Senate discussed resolution regarding academic freedom and tenure; the original resolution was tabled pending revision; the updated resolution will be discussed at upcoming Faculty Senate meeting
        - 2 Chad Mahood shared the resolution through Teams
        - 3 Chad Mahood provided an overview of the process in developing the resolution, current plan for the resolution, and encouraged Graduate Council members to communicate with their Faculty Senators
      - Faculty Senate discussed inclusion of course evaluation student comments;
  - C. Dean of Graduate School
    - Appreciation reception for Graduate Council and GARs at JPL Assembly Room on May 5<sup>th</sup>
    - New graduate center to be named G.R.A.D. Space

- Running to PhD push– Summer ‘22, Fall ‘22, Spring ‘23
  - \$3000 incentive for students to complete degree programs
- Discussed proposal to vote on a one-year cycle for the Graduate Catalog revision, which would align revision cycles for the Undergraduate Catalog and Graduate Catalog
- Via poll, Graduate Council members voted against the proposal for a one-year cycle (88% against, 12% abstain)
  - William Land will be the next Graduate School Faculty Fellow
- D. Secretary
  - No report
- E. Committee on Graduate Program Evaluation
  - No report

#### IV. Unfinished Business

- Graduate Council voted to approve business and electronic voting during the summer
  - i. (a) Quorum: > 50% of council members respond in favor, opposed, or abstaining (b) Voting period: minimum of one week (c) Vote by email or survey software
- Council Chair sent a memo to Lynn Barnes noting general disapproval from the Graduate Council regarding changing the Graduate Catalog revision schedule
  - i. During the Dean’s report, Graduate Council members voted against the proposal for a one-year cycle

#### V. New Business

- Consideration for aligning application dates for graduate programs to reduce the number of application dates
  - Discussion included application deadlines from various graduate programs
  - Discussion: Later deadline may interfere with scholarship deadline opportunities for certain students, later deadlines may limit opportunity to enroll more competitive students
  - Recommendation for Graduate Council members to discuss this issue with department faculty

#### VI. Adjournment