

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Location: TEAMS 2/4/2025 3:30-5:00

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

- The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM
- Quorum met.
 - i. Present: Zachary Tonzetich, Gabriela Romero Uribe, Ginger Hernandez, Onur Bayar, Byongook Moon, Stephanie Westney, Jeff Ragsdale, Tansu Demir, William Land, Brent Bloodworth, Min Wang, Sean Tritley, Eduardo Duenez, Guadalupe Carmona, Wei-Ming Lin, Andrew Konove, Ovidio Giberga, Michael Newell, Ying Huang, Eunho Park, Amy Chanmugam, Judy Haschenburger, David Restrepo, Elizabeth Sooby, Ashley Newton, Shamshad Khan, Bedrettin Yazan, Andrea Aleman, Joe Houpt, Michael Cepek, Felicia Castro-Villarreal, Xun Chen, Jeffrey Howard, Jurgan Engelberth, John Harrichand
 - ii. Absent: Alfonso Apicella, Angela Lombardi, Arkangel Cordero, Elaine Sanders, Faithali Firoozi, Joshue Thurow, Kathryn Henderson, Kenneth Walker, Mariela Rodriguez, Nancy Membrez, Tulio Sulbaran, Xiaoyin Wang
 - iii. Guest:

II. Consent Agenda – *Approved with no objections*

- Meeting Minutes
- Special Membership

III. Reports

A. Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses

- No report

B. Council Chair – Dr. Tonzetich

- Update on the PROVOST visit to the Executive Committee meeting on 1/21/25
 - Dr. Shipley did not have many details regarding graduate school or graduate education. She talked about the integration task force. She does not require anything else from GC currently.
- Faculty Senate update
 - Visit from Dr. Browning for update on the research service centers operations.
- Reminder of the revisions of Graduate Council Bylaws and feedback request (to vote for approval next month)
- Vote to approve the Recommendations and Best Practices in Doctoral Student Mentoring

Vote counting:

Yes 89% (26 votes)

No 0% (0 votes)

Abstain 10% (3 votes)

C. Dean of Graduate School – Dr. Tonzetich

- Vote to change May 6 graduate council meeting (in-person) to May 13 (in-person)
 - Concerns were brought up about May 13 being final exams week

*Vote counting:
Yes 74% (23 votes)
No 25% (8 votes)*

- D. Secretary
 - No report
- E. Committee on Graduate Program Evaluation
 - Dr. Tonzetich brought up that a program is going to be evaluated later this semester (around April)

IV. Unfinished Business

- Request for feedback on the Bylaws revision presented in November to vote for approval next meeting – Dr. Tonzetich

Action to take by Graduate Council Members: review Bylaws revisions and send feedback to the Chair or the Secretary.

V. New Business

- Field trips for international graduate students and VISA constrains – Dr. Cepek
 - Dr. Cepek confirmed that it is no longer an issue, and international students are allowed to travel abroad for field trips
 - Dr. Cepek shares with the Graduate Council that Dr. Shipley confirmed that there are no expected changes in graduate student funding levels after integration with UTHSA.

VI. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned at 3:54PM