

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO
DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes
November 5, 2019

JPL Assembly Room, 4.04.22
3:30-5:00 PM

- I. Call to order and taking of attendance
 - a. Presiding:
 - i. Alistair Welchman, Chair
 - ii. Ambika Mathur, Dean of the Graduate School
 - b. Present: Matthew Brogdon, Lupita Carmona, Michael Cepek, Catherine Clinton, Arkangel Cordero, Bridget Drinka, Jurgen Engelberth, Fathali Firoozi, Judy Haschenburger, Patricia Jaramillo, Shamshad Khan (sub: Sara DeTurk), Angela Lombardi, Chad Mahood (chair of Faculty Senate), Ambika Mathur, Megan Piel, Jorge Solis, Drew Stephen, Ariel Suselo, Liang Tang, Heather Trepal, Ram Tripathi, Rohit Valecha, Victor Villarreal, Melissa Wallace (sub: Nancy Membrez), HungDa Wan, Zijun Wang, Alistair Welchman
 - c. Excused: Nicholas Large, Libby Rowe, Elaine Sanders, Marie Tillyer, Laura Upenieks, Tyler Werland
 - d. Absent: Alexandra Holdbrook, Francine Johnson, Wei-Ming Lin, Muntasir Masum, Mohammad Nur Nobil, Jennifer Smith, Erica Sosa, Corey Sparks
- II. Reports
 - a. Council Chair (Alistair Welchman)
 - i. Provided background on MS in Cybersecurity Science, which was rejected by FS on narrow ground of program title overlap with cyber security degree in COB. GC is asked to pass revised proposal with name change.
 - ii. Consent Agenda
 1. Consent agenda, consisting of the minutes of the October meeting, special membership applications, and revised proposal for MS in Cybersecurity Science, passed unanimously
 - iii. Senate Report
 1. Vote on Graduate Council Bylaws Change – The bylaws revision passed by the FS differed from the one passed by the GC in spring 2019. Alistair Welchman recommended passing a clean version of bylaws largely in keeping with the FS version. He presented a redlined version of existing bylaws reflecting proposed changes and another detailing deviations from FS version. In discussion, the provision providing for an appeal to the GC in case of denial of graduate faculty membership by the department was revisited. The provision was revised to make clear that a *denial* of graduate faculty membership may be appealed to the GC and subsequently to the dean of the Graduate School.

2. Chad Mahood, chair of the Faculty Senate, was recognized by the chair and requested that a clean version of the proposed changes with redlined original be sent to FS for inclusion as part of consent agenda. Inclusion on the consent agenda should be understood as reflective of the Faculty Senate's view that the Graduate Council's bylaws are a matter primarily of its own concern and self-governance.
 3. 21 in favor; 3 opposed; 1 abstention
 - b. Dean of the Graduate School
 - i. Dean Mathur updated GC on work of the Task Force on Graduate Student Success. The task force has held its first meeting and intends to establish a website to keep stakeholders up to date on progress.
 - ii. Graduate School has lost some personnel in the last several months. This portends a number of changes in staff responsibilities, particularly a reallocation of Ani and Ginger's duties with respect to GC.
 - c. Secretary
 - i. Alistair Welchman gave the report of the Secretary and urged nomination of candidates for parliamentarian.
 - d. There were no reports from the Committees on Graduate Programs and Courses, Graduate Program Evaluation, or Academic Policy and Requirements
 - III. Unfinished Business
 - a. Alistair Welchman noted the raised again the question of new graduate catalog policy dictating that Incompletes be converted to an F after one year. The chair and dean reaffirmed that the policy would be revisited and discussed in the spring as part of the process of renewing the student policy section of the catalog. This will furnish an opportunity to revise the policy, if the GC deems it prudent to do so, before it affects any students.
 - IV. Moved and seconded to adjourn. Adjourned without objection.