

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Location
3:30pm-5:00pm
11/03/2020

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Abtin Shahrokh Hamdani, Catherine Clinton, Corey Sparks, Doug Frantz, Drew Stephen, Elisha Reynolds, Heather Trepal, Hung Da Wan, Jorge Solis, Jurgen Engelberth, Kenneth Walker, Liang Tang, Lupita (Guadalupe) Carmona, Matthew Brogdon, Megan Augustyn, Melissa Wallace, Michael Baumann, Michael Cepek, Nicholas Large, Patricia Jaramillo, Ram Tripathi, Richard J Harris, Rohit Valencha, Saugata Datta, Terrence Hill, Victor Villarreal, Wei-Ming Lin, William Land, Xiaoyin Wang, Zijun Wang

Absent: Arkangel Cordero, Elaine Sanders, Page Smith, Patricia Akello

Excused: Mehdi Shadaram

Visitors: Jeff Ragsdale

II. Reports

A. Council Chair

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

B. Dean of Graduate School

- GAR Task Force/Subcommittee: includes Graduate Council members representing every College; Corey Sparks has been elected to the Chair for the subcommittee
- GAR Task Force/Subcommittee: Subcommittee members met last week with Associate Deans from every College; charge is to come up with a framework for standardizing responsibilities; first step is to survey GARs and Chairs; survey draft is complete and is expected to be finalized by next week, and then committee will collect survey data; final results will likely be available at the beginning of the next semester, with preliminary results (if available) presented at next Graduate Council meeting

C. Secretary

- Secretary announced: Graduate Council voted to approve changes to the bylaws regarding creation of the Executive Committee; Graduate Council will submit complete bylaws changes to Faculty Senate once all proposed changes are complete
- Secretary announced: Graduate Council voted on at-large members of the Executive Committee (Elaine Sanders, Doug Frantz)

- D. Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses
 - No report
- E. Committee on Graduate Program Evaluation
 - No report
- F. Committee on Academic Policy and Requirements
 - Discussed Graduate Council bylaws change proposal regarding graduate faculty scholar definition revision
 - Graduate Council Chair will send proposal to all Graduate Council members before next meeting for further comments
 - Graduate Council will likely vote on the proposal in the January or February Graduate Council meeting if there are needed changes in order to allow for revision
 - Discussed upcoming Graduate Council bylaws change proposal regarding succession plan in case the Graduate Council Chair cannot complete their term
 - Graduate Council Chair will submit proposal to Academic Policy and Requirements Committee, as well as all Graduate Council members before next meeting for further comments
 - Graduate Council will likely vote on the proposal in the January or February Graduate Council meeting if there are needed changes in order to allow for revision

- III. Unfinished Business
 - None reported

- IV. New Business
 - None reported

- V. Adjournment