

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Location 2/1/2022 3:30-5:00
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I. Call to order and taking of attendance

- Present: Alfonso Apicella, Arkangel Cordero, Corey Sparks, Elaine Sanders, Glenn Dietrich, Guadalupe Carmona, Heather Trepal, Hung-Da Wan, Solis, Juan Manuel Nino, Jurgen Engelberth, Matthew Troia, Megan Augustyn, Melissa Wallace, Michael Baumann, Michael Cepek, Nicolas Large, Ovidio Giberga, Patricia Jaramillo, Ram Tripathi, Richard J Harris, Shamshad Khan, Terrance Hill, Victor Villarreal, Wei-Ming Lin, William Land, Zachary Tonzetich
- Absent: Zijun Wang, Samer Dessouky, Amina Qutub, Jamie McDonald, Kenneth Walker, Drew Stephan, Andrea Aleman, Xiaoyin Wang, Saugata Datta
- Visitor: Araceli Ortiz, Eric Brey, Abelardo Ramirez-Hernandez, Esteban Urena-Benavides, Ginger Hernandez, Jake Sullivan, Anson Ong, Chad Mahood, Eric Brey, Jose Lopez-Ribot, Juan Manuel Sanchez, Stephanie Westney, Jeff Ragsdale, Rebecca Weston
- Excused: Angela Lombardi

II. Consent Agenda

- December 2021 minutes approved with no discussion
- Special Membership approved with no discussion

III. Reports

A. Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses

- MS in Engineering Education
 - Araceli Ortiz provided an overview of the program (the proposal was previously sent to members of the Graduate Council for review)
 - Committee made the recommendation to approve the proposal
 - Graduate Council members voted to approve the program
- PhD in Chemical Engineering
 - Eric Brey, Esteban Urena-Benavides, and Abelardo Ramirez provided an overview of the program (the proposal was previously sent to member of the Graduate Council for review) and indicated support for the program
 - Committee made the recommendation to approve the proposal
 - Graduate Council members voted to approve the program
- Certificate in Technology for Language Education will be reviewed at the next Graduate Council meeting

B. Council Chair

- No report from the Council Chair on behalf of the Executive Committee
- Faculty Senate updates
 - Resolution regarding NRUF was on the consent agenda for the next Faculty Senate meeting and was approved

- Discussion regarding faculty salary and transparency in salary increases and merit raises
 - Faculty Senate approved a memorandum regarding faculty compensation and transparency (posted on the Graduate Council Teams website for review by Graduate Council members)
- Discussion regarding revision to faculty code of ethics (approved in 2015 by the Faculty Senate) and whether or not to develop a faculty code of conduct; no decision has been made about whether a revision and or new code will be completed
- Discussion regarding merger with the Southwest School of Arts; questions regarding the merger should be addressed to Jurgen Engelberth

C. Dean of Graduate School

- Rebecca Weston provided the Dean's update
- Shared the website and announcement for calls for nominations for various Graduate School Awards
- <https://graduateschool.utsa.edu/current-students/promoting-excellence/>

D. Secretary

- Seeking nominees for Graduate Council Executive Committee positions for Fall 2022
 - Chair, Secretary, Parliamentarian, two At-Large Position, and Student Representative
 - Election should be complete by the April 2022 Graduate Council meeting
 - Position descriptions are in the Bylaws of the Graduate Council (<https://graduateschool.utsa.edu/images/uploads/Bylaws.pdf>)
- Each Department should hold elections to determine Graduate Council Representatives for 2022-2023
 - Elections should be complete by the April 2022 Graduate Council meeting

E. Committee on Graduate Program Evaluation

- Chemistry, Physics & Astronomy, and Earth & Planetary Science under review this semester

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

VI. Adjournment