

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS  
December 4, 2018

**JPL ASSEMBLY ROOM**  
**4.04.22**  
**3:30-5:00PM**

Present: Janis Bush, Lupita Carmona, Michael Cepek, Lucila Ek, Jurgen Engelberth, Kandyce Fernandez, Ruyan Guo, Judy Haschenburger, Shamshad Khan, Ritu Mathur, Matthew McCarter, Elaine Sanders, Erica Sosa, Corey Sparks, Liang Tang, Marie Tillyer, Ram Tripathi, Victor Villareal, Melissa Wallace, Hungda Wan, Zijun Wang, Alistair Welchman, Greg Wene, Rebecca Weston,  
Excused: John Bartkowski, Jackie Cuevas, Lucinda Nevarez, Page Smith, Heather Trepal, Rory Vance  
Absent: Fathali Firoozi, Doug Frantz, Kasandra Keeling, Myung Ko, Angela Lombardi, Carlos Monton, Wing Ng, Juliet Wiersema, Alpha Martinez-Suarez, Muntasir Masum, Nasouri Reza, Jennifer Uria,  
Visitor: Bonita Sharma,

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Meeting was called to order at 3:36

II. Reports

A. Council Chair (Elaine Sanders)

- Consent Agenda

- Approval of November minutes

Approved

- Special Member Applicants (Attachment A)

Approved

There was some discussion about Dr Zhang. Ruyan Gao asked whether they have a faculty position. The consensus from the committee and the council was that there is precedent for admitting applicants with relevant industrial experience. The committee just required departments to give some rationale.

- Senate Report

The Resolution on the Future of the Graduate Council was presented to the Senate at their December meeting, and the Senate approved the resolution. As a result, the Senate did not take a vote to dismantle the Council, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Graduate Council Structure has been approved by both bodies (the Council and the Senate).

There was some discussion. Shamshad Kahn asked why the vote had mere been postponed.

Alistair Welchman replied that that's what we asked for. It was asked whether there was discussion at the EC. Elaine Sanders answered: yes, but just affirmation of the resolution. Ritu Mathur: what was the urgency about the department interest? Elaine: just a straw poll. Alistair: the urgency behind the whole issue is that the Dean of the Graduate School wanted to have the Senate vote to disband the Council. Ritu: but why does he want to do that? Elaine: that's just what he's doing. Melissa Wallace: how much energy should we be expending on this? Elaine: it's not clear. But refer to the external report and Can's 1.5 page restructuring memo. Ruyan: Are we going too fast? What's the point of the timeline in the resolution? Ritu: we need some background.

Elaine: volunteers for the Ad Hoc committee are needed by 12/10. The Council should probably also conduct surveys to find out what stakeholders think.

Janis Bush: Chairs' Council met with Provost. Perhaps the Graduate Council should.

B. Dean of Graduate School (Can Saygin)

- No Report

C. Secretary (Alistair Welchman)

- COB Memo

The memo was approved (24 votes in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions)

- Committee Assignments

Alistair: every member of the Council should serve on a committee. If a member is not on one, they should contact me or I will contact them!

D. Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses (Victor Villarreal)

- No Report

New certificate in intelligence studies is coming up.

E. Committee on Graduate Program Evaluation

- No Report

F. Committee on Academic Policy and Requirements (Elaine Sanders)

- 2019-2021 Graduate Catalog

Eliminate non-degree seeking status for grad students. Special student does same thing + later can use credit later for a degree whereas former can't. Approved (24 votes in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions)

There are some changes proposed to the grad catalog international grad student admission. Ruyan: You have to get 79 on the ELAP for English. Maybe this is too high.

Credentialing for international student transcripts: there was discussion about this. Ginger says restructuring led to loss of the person that did this. So now students have to pay

themselves.

Catalog changes regarding international credentialing were not approved. Will be tabled and discussed in upcoming meeting (23 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention)

III. Unfinished Business

Discussion: GTAP etc. are being restructured, but the Council hasn't been told. Perhaps GARS know?

IV. New Business

V. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm.