

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO
DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
ACTION MINUTES
ORDER OF BUSINESS
May 2, 2017

Assembly Room
JPL 4.04.02
3:38-5:01 pm

- I. Call to order and taking of attendance
The May meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order at 3:38 p.m. by Dr. Mike Baumann, Council Chair.

- II. Reports
 - A. Chair Council (**Mike Baumann**)
 - Consent Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes
Dr. Bauman extended an opportunity for members to remove items from the consent agenda for discussion. No one chose to remove items. The consent agenda items were approved.

 - Special Membership Applicants (Attachment A)
 - Membership applicants were approved by the Council.

 - B. Dean of Graduate School (**DeBrenna Agbenyiga**)
 - Enrollment Update
 - A total of 102 graduate students are newly enrolled for the summer semester.
 - There are over 218 newly enrolled graduate students for the fall semester.
 - A total of 953 Master's students have been admitted for Fall 2017.
 - Two hundred eighty-one doctoral students have been admitted for Fall 2017. A total of 35 so far have enrolled for the fall semester.

 - 2019-2012 Graduate Catalog: Policies
 - The Dean mentioned that the Graduate School will start looking at revising the catalog in policies.
 - Four policies to look at for the 2019-21 catalog are a) retaking courses due to failing grades, b) undergraduate courses approved for a Master's degree, c) time limit for readmission, and d) reinstatement procedure.

 - The Dean will also try to approve that TA students can be suspended from being enrolled in courses during the summer and still getting an assistantship. Currently, students should be enrolled in order to get an assistantship. The Dean will be discussing this agenda at the next Council meeting.

 - C. Secretary (**Seok Kang**)
 - Secretary's Report (Program Approvals):
 - Secretary presented how many proposals the Council has approved for certificates and Ph.D. programs during the 2016-17 term.

 - D. Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses (**Boyka Stefanova**)

- M.S. Biomedical Technology Commercialization (Attachment B)

Dr. Stefanova gave an overview of the proposal, program rationale, program goals, program curriculum and administration, enrollment projections, program requirements and resources, budget, review process, and committee's clarifications and critiques. The proposal emphasizes that there is a high student demand for the new program. It is a non-thesis program. The program consists of 30 hours in total. She reported that the committee voted to recommend approval by vote of 5-0, 0 abstain.

A Council member questioned if the program is more business oriented due to the title that includes commercialization. A visitor from a related department answered that the program is more biomedical technology driven than business. Another member mentioned that this is a very narrowly-defined program. This looks more appropriate for a certificate program than a degree program. No representatives from the department were present at the Council meeting.

The Council suggested to table this issue with 23 in favor and 2 abstain. The proposal is sent back to the department to discuss again.

- Graduate Certificate in Cloud Computing (Attachment C)

Dr. Stefanova gave an overview of the proposal, program rationale, program goals, program curriculum and administration, program requirements and resources, review process, and committee's clarifications and critiques.

The committee presented that the program is a seed program to be eventually expanded to a Master's degree. The number of total coursework is 12 hours. Projected enrollment may start with 50 students in Year 1 up to 200 in Year 5. She reported that the committee voted to recommend approval by vote of 5-0, 0 abstain.

The committee's recommendation stood as motion to approve. By the Council, the proposal was approved with 24 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstain.

E. Committee on Graduate Program Evaluation

- No Report

F. Committee on Academic Policy & Requirements (**Seok Kang**)

- No Report

III. Unfinished Business

IV. New Business:

- Faculty Listing in Catalog
 - The Council will discuss this agenda at the first meeting of the 2017-18 term.

V. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.