



COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Graduate Council Meeting MINUTES

April 10, 2014
1:00 PM
FC 177

Council Members Present:	Richard Balkin, Robert Cutshall, Charles Etheridge, Sherrye Garrett, Melissa Jarrell, Scott King, Karen McCaleb, Scott Sherman, Stephanie Rodriguez
Council Members Absent:	Eve Layman, Patricia Olenick, Anita Reed, Claudia McDonald, Lee Smee
Ex-officio absent:	JoAnn Canales, Bryant Griffith, Evan Paret
Ex-officio present:	Christine Shupala, Thomas Naehr
Note taker:	Lori Shearin

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2014

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.

Moved: The motion was made by Dr. King to approve the minutes, with the addition of language to Matters Arising, part A (Program Coordinator Reports).

Second: The motion was seconded by Dr. Garrett. Unanimously approved.

II. CGS Updates – Dr. Thomas Naehr

A. International initiatives – Dr. Paul Meyer, Ana Billeaux:

Reorganization: Mary Beth Davis has been brought in part-time to reinvigorate study abroad programs. International Office is looking at ways to create more opportunities for students; funding for study abroad comes from \$3 fee from all students; scholarships are typically \$1000 per study abroad student and excursion.

Advisory Committee activities/report: Review of ESLI program; identify ways to improve collaboration; realign ESLI program to better match university needs; GPAs for ESLI students are on average higher than those of TAMUCC students; ESLI is now accredited program; continued training of ESLI instructors.

Working on additional pathways for international students to join TAMUCC; emerging research universities have higher percentages of international students than TAMUCC; THECB has TAMUCC at just over 5%; peer institutions are between 7-10% international; international students are important for goal of becoming emerging research institution; goal is to get high quality international students.

Initiatives to broaden international student recruitment:

1. Use of recruiting agents; since beginning to work with agents in India the number of applications from Indian students has increased significantly.

2. Consideration of other language schools in addition to ESLI.
3. Tracking of student data to look for issues with regard to retention and completion.

Texas International Education Consortium: At UT, consortium students are accepted into universities without taking the TOEFL. School has shared their data with us. Student academic performance is similar to performance of students with the standard language scores we are accepting.

Expansion of 2+2 and 3+2 agreements with programs to bring students from other countries.

Increase number of sponsored students: students where government is paying full out-of-state tuition. Currently, we have sponsored students from KSA, UAE and Turkey. Sponsored students create around \$10k more per year in revenue than students paying in-state tuition.

B. Phi Kappa Phi campus visit:

Discussion of itinerary, which includes meetings with various groups on campus and luncheon with faculty and staff who have agreed to support the chapter, should one be established.

III. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum – Dr. Sherrye Garrett: no committee activity since last report

B. Rules and Procedures – Dr. Scott Sherman

i. Action Item: S&E Graduate Faculty Requests

Subcommittee recommends approval for the faculty on the list as submitted by Dr. Sherman. Unanimously approved.

ii. Discussion Item: Graduate Council Bylaws

CGS and R&P subcommittee comments were discussed and will be included in revised document, which will be shared by Dr. Sherman prior to next meeting.

IV. Liaison Reports

A. ITDEC – Dr. Eve Layman: not present to report

B. Graduate Student Representative – Evan Paret: not present to report.

C. International – Dr. Scott King: report from Dr. Meyer covered everything.

D. Faculty Senate – Dr. Bryant Griffith: emailed nothing to report.

E. Library – Dr. Christine Shupala: A recommendation for hiring a new Library Director will be upcoming; a system person will manage contract negotiations with publishers and will be authorized to negotiate for small groups.

F. Retention – Dr. Scott Sherman: committee has not met.

V. Matters Arising

A. Correction to agenda: next meeting is 4/24; 5/8 will be a breakfast meeting.

B. Revisit rule on graduate faculty needs to be reviewed because the revised rule did not make it all the way through the approval process.

VI. Adjournment

Dr. Balkin moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

TENTATIVE FUTURE MEETING DATES: 4/24; 5/8
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