



Graduate Council Meeting MINUTES

Approved
March 24, 2016
01:00 PM
Room LIB-220

Council Members Present	JoAnn Canales; Sherrye Garrett; David Gurney; Corinne Valadez; Glenn Blalock; Thomas Naehr; Steven Seidel; Linda Gibson-Young; Joseph Mollick; Anita Reed; Yolanda Keys; Pamela Greene; Monica Hernandez
Council Members Absent	Chris Bird; Charles Etheridge; Richard Smith; Frank Spaniol
Ex-Officio Members Present	Corinne Valadez; Catherine Rudowsky

I. Approval of Minutes from March 10 Meeting

Dr. Valadez moved to approve the minutes with one small correction; Dr. Greene seconded; minutes passed with one abstention.

II. Reports and Updates

A. Graduate Council Chair – Dr. Anita Reed

No updates

B. CGS Updates – Dr. JoAnn Canales

Dr. Naehr gave the CGS update. Reminded Council that graduate scholarship deadlines are April 15th for summer and June 9th for fall. The M.S. in Chemistry was approved by President's Cabinet and will now go off-campus.

C. Committee Reports

i. Curriculum – Dr. Charles Etheridge

No report

ii. Rules and Procedures – Dr. Sherrye Garrett

Action item: Memo regarding graduate program coordinator workload reassignment. Dr. Garrett presented draft statement regarding graduate program coordinator workload reassignment. Draft was approved unanimously. Document will be sent to Dean Canales together with results of coordinators' reassignment time survey for further dissemination.

D. Liaison Reports

i. ITDEC – Dr. Richard Smith

Not present – no report.

ii. Faculty Senate – Dr. Corinne Valadez

No update – Senate will meet on March 25; Academic Affairs has met, but minutes are not yet available.

iii. Library – Dr. Catherine Rudowsky

Work on reconfigured study rooms will start after final exams.

New book scanners have been installed on the first floor – access is free for all students.

Thesis/dissertation embargo issues: some embargos were not enforced, although they had been requested by the students; issue was fixed and

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appeared to be a software problem. Google Scholar does currently not comply with embargo requests. Library personnel is working on a solution.

Dr. Kar: Having a functioning embargo system is important to protect student publications.

Library recently acquired a 1852 map of Texas by James Manning, which will be displayed in the library.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion item: Proposed catalog review process

The Council decided to form a task force that will draft a response to the white paper regarding the proposed new program and catalog review process.

The task force will consist of Etheridge (CLA), Keys (CONHS), Reed (COB), and Garrett (COE).

IV. New Business

V. Matters Arising

Dr. Mollick: Could a holistic graduate admission process lead to discriminatory admission?

Dr. Canales: Will address this question at a future Graduate Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 01:33 p.m.