



COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Graduate Council Meeting MINUTES

Approved
April 14, 2016
01:30 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; Dulal Kar; Monica Hernandez; Frank Spaniol; Charles Etheridge
Council Members Absent	Chris Bird; Richard Smith; Pamela Greene; Yolanda Keys
Ex-Officio Members Present	Corinne Valadez; Catherine Rudowsky

I. Approval of Minutes from March 24 Meeting

Minutes were approved with one small correction.

II. Reports and Updates

A. Graduate Council Chair – Dr. Anita Reed

Dr. Reed thanked the council members for their support during her tenure as Graduate Council Chair. She is looking forward to the final two meetings of the current academic year.

B. CGS Updates – Dr. Thomas Naehr

i. Graduate Student Appreciation Week: Dr. Steve Seidel

Dr. Seidel gave a brief overview over the 18 events that took place during graduate student appreciation week. He stated that this year's graduate fair was the final event of this type. Council members stated that the awards ceremony was well received.

The 3MT competition was won by a MARB student.

Dr. Etheridge asked when the appreciation week was announced. Dr. Seidel stated that the announcement was sent out about two weeks before the event. This should occur earlier in the future.

The professional pictures event was also well received and attended.

Dr. Seidel stated that the professional development workshops are being developed and that the program will be offered as a series of workshops instead of courses. There was some discussion about how students can be officially recognized for their participation.

Dr. Naehr stated that the 2016/17 catalog is now published, but there are several errors that still need to be corrected.

C. Committee Reports

i. Curriculum – Dr. Charles Etheridge

No pending items – no report.

ii. Rules and Procedures – Dr. Sherrye Garrett

No pending items – no report.

TENTATIVE FUTURE MEETING DATES:
2016: 04/28, 05/12

D. Liaison Reports

i. ITDEC – Dr. Richard Smith

Dr. Hernandez reported that Blackboard would go through a major upgrade during the summer term.

ii. Faculty Senate – Dr. Corinne Valadez

Discussion of the executive MBA was tabled at the last Faculty Senate meeting. Changes to the M.S. in English will be discussed at the April 15 meeting, which will also be the last senate meeting of the semester.

iii. Library – Dr. Catherine Rudowsky

Thesis and dissertation embargo issues with Google Scholar have been fixed.

The 1852 map of Texas has arrived and will be displayed soon.

Hector Garcia RFP has been funded and work is ready to begin. A company called History Associates will process the collection off-site to improve online accessibility – this will be an approximately yearlong process.

The University Library Committee has had its first meeting and will meet once per semester.

TAMUCC will host the A&M system library directors meeting on April 29.

There is some confusion about when the new thesis submission process will become mandatory. Dr. Naehr stated that the process would become mandatory for students graduating this summer.

Dr. Naehr asked whether the period for the thesis/dissertation embargo can be flexible or is limited to a maximum of two years. Dr. Rudowsky will check.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Action item: Graduate Council response to proposed catalog review process

The draft response to the proposed catalog and new program review process was discussed. Main points of criticisms were:

1. The proposed process does not address existing redundancies in the review process.
2. No feedback process is outlined.
3. The proposed supercommittee is too large and heavily weighted toward administrators.

Dr. Kar asked for more time to study the document.

Dr. Gibson-Young suggested deleting all references to previous Provosts.

Council members will send additional comments to the Council Chair, who will call for an electronic vote.

IV. New Business

None

V. Matters Arising

Dr. Naehr: Colleges are submitting graduate faculty applications; will forward those to Rules & Procedures Subcommittee for review and vote during May 12 meeting.

Dr. Naehr: Should the meeting dates and frequency of the Graduate Council be changed to better accommodate faculty schedules? Please have a recommendation ready for next Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 02:37 p.m.