Graduate Council Meeting MINUTES		Unapproved February 09, 2017 01:00–03:00 PM Room LIB-208	
Attendees:			
СОВ	☐ Dr. Monica Hernandez	✓ Dr. Joseph Mollick	☐ Dr. Alexandra Theodossiou
COEHD	✓ Dr. Corinne Valadez	✓ Dr. Frank Spaniol	✓ Dr. Lynn Hemmer
CLA	✓ Dr. David Gurney	✓ Dr. Charles Etheridge	
CONHS	✓ Dr. Yolanda Keys	✓ Dr. Pamela Greene	✓ Dr. Sara Baldwin
CSE	✓ Dr. Chris Bird	✓ Dr. Dulal Kar	✓ Dr. David Felix
CGS	✓ Dr. JoAnn Canales	✓ Dr. Thomas Naehr	✓ Dr. Steve Seidel
Ex-officio	✓ Dr. Catherine Rudowsky		

I. Approval of Minutes from January 26 meeting

The January 26 minutes were approved with one small correction.

II. Reports and Updates

A. Graduate Council Chair - Dr. Charles Etheridge

Dr. Etheridge met with Dr. Joshua Ozymy, speaker of the Faculty Senate, to discuss his concerns regarding individual faculty not following established faculty governance processes. Both agreed that a letter addressing these concerns should be drafted and sent to the Provost.

Dr. Etheridge also stated that he will request a meeting with Dr. Aldridge Sanford to discuss the planned university committee responsible for catalog review.

B. CGS Updates – Dr. JoAnn Canales

i. Graduate Student Orientation Scheduling Input

The new Fall start date (Monday) will make it necessary to change the date for the graduate student orientation. Dr. Naehr will ask the Colleges for their input (UPDATE: Fall graduate student orientation will take place on Thursday, August 24).

ii. DoctoralNet Campus Visit

Dr. Alana James, CEO of DoctoralNet will visit campus in March. There will be opportunities for graduate students to meet Dr. James on March 08 and 09. She will also present at the March 09 Graduate Council meeting.

iii. Other

To better accommodate data requests, CGS will create an online form for such requests that can be sent to gradcollege@tamucc.edu

Dr. Canales asked that any graduate student forms (degree plans, exceptions etc.) should be submitted to CGS as soon as possible, to minimize the impact of Morgan Beard's departure in March.

C. Committee Reports

i. Curriculum – Dr. David Gurney

Dr. Gurney discussed the format of the form to be used for review of stacked courses. A form based on the current new course review form will be developed.

Dr. Naehr stated that review of stacked courses is important as only about 25% of stacked courses that are currently offered were approved as stacked courses.

ii. Rules and Procedures - Dr. Joseph Mollick

Dr. Mollick stated that the Rules and Procedures subcommittee is awaiting additional evidence that college procedures for graduate faculty review were followed before pending applications can be considered.

Dr. Spaniol stated that the University Procedure on Graduate Faculty is currently undergoing review by Faculty Senate.

D. Liaison Reports

i. ITDEC - Dr. Frank Spaniol

No report – committee has not met.

ii. Faculty Senate - Dr. Corinne Valadez

No report – Faculty Senate has not met since last Graduate Council meeting.

iii. Library – Dr. Catherine Rudowsky

Second artist in residence is currently working at the Laguna Madre field station. Several of his works are on display on the second floor of the library.

iv. International – Dr. Joseph Mollick

No report – committee has not met.

III. Unfinished Business

Memo in support of CPIRA request to increase graduate assistant stipends: memo has been drafted and will be sent to Provost's office.

IV. New Business

Graduate Council recommendations to CDC and Faculty Senate by April 01

V. Matters Arising

Dr. Valadez asked if students interested in the Fast Track program in Reading would be able to take 6 SCH of graduate courses during the Fall semester of their senior year, because these students are teaching during their last semester and wouldn't be able to take graduate courses then. Dr. Valadez will follow up with Academic Affairs for clarification.

Meeting adjourned at 02:07 p.m.