

# Graduate Council Meeting MINUTES

Approved  
October 27, 2016  
01:00–03:00 PM  
Room LIB-220

Attendees:			
COB	✓ Dr. Monica Hernandez	✓ Dr. Joseph Mollick	✓ Dr. Alexandra Theodossiou
COEHD	✓ Dr. Corinne Valadez	✓ Dr. Frank Spaniol	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Lynn Hemmer
CLA	✓ Dr. David Gurney	✓ Dr. Charles Etheridge	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONHS	✓ Dr. Yolanda Keys	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Pamela Greene	✓ Dr. Sara Baldwin
CSE	✓ Dr. Chris Bird	✓ Dr. Dulal Kar	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Xinping Hu
CGS	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. JoAnn Canales	✓ Dr. Thomas Naehr	✓ Dr. Steve Seidel
Ex-officio	✓ Dr. Catherine Rudowsky		

## I. Approval of Minutes from October 13 Meeting

The minutes were approved with one abstention upon the motion of Dr. Valadez and the second of Dr. Kar.

## II. Reports and Updates

### A. Graduate Council Chair – Dr. Charles Etheridge

No report

### B. CGS Updates – Dr. Thomas Naehr

Dr. Naehr reminded the Council that graduate admissions has now moved to the Student Services Center and is overseen by Oscar Reyna. Sandra Kureska, Maria Fonseca, and Yoshiko Boulan are now located in the SSC.

Dr. Naehr also stated that Study Group is now the ESL provider for TAMUCC. The company is currently recruiting direct entry students to select programs. Details are still being worked out. Oscar Reyna will meet with program coordinators to discuss the TAMUCC/Study Group relationship.

Dr. Etheridge stated that the English program is creating ESL courses for Study Group.

Dr. Seidel reminded the Council that the 3MT competition will take place on November 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in UC.

### C. Committee Reports

#### i. Curriculum – Dr. David Gurney

1. Action item: Graduate Catalog Review

2. Action item: Fast-track Proposals

The Curriculum Subcommittee recommended approval of all revised graduate catalog sections with the exception of COB, which is pending revisions. The subcommittee also recommended approval of the CSE fast-track proposals as submitted. The recommendation passed unanimously.

Dr. Naehr will compile all changes and work with Academic Affairs to ensure changes will be made in Acalog.

TENTATIVE FUTURE MEETING DATES:

2016: 12/08

2017: 01/12, 01/26, 02/09, 02/23, 03/09, 03/23, 04/13, 04/27, 05/11

Faculty Senate will meet on November 17 to review Graduate Council recommendations.

ii. Rules and Procedures – Dr. Joseph Mollick

1. Action item: Graduate Catalog Review

The Rules and Procedures Subcommittee recommended approval of all CGS catalog sections as submitted. The recommendation passed unanimously.

2. Action item: CLA Graduate Faculty Application

Decision was tabled as no additional information about the applicant and process had been received by the subcommittee.

3. Discussion item: 01.01.99.C0.01 Review and Approval Rules and Procedures

Dr. Naehr stated that Academic Affairs would like input on this rule by November 04. Graduate Council may vote electronically on suggested changes.

D. Liaison Reports

i. ITDEC – Dr. Frank Spaniol

Committee has not met – no report

ii. Faculty Senate – Dr. Corinne Valadez

FS is currently considering the following items/issues:

Timing of drop date before mid-term grades are due.

Unequal duration of both summer sessions.

Rules/Procedures on External Employment, Faculty Workload, and Faculty Dismissals

Other updates: Dr. Quintanilla will represent TAMUCC during legislative session, interim Provost will be named soon, and the University P&T Committee will use last year's rule as it will apply to the faculty who are currently considered for P&T.

iii. Library – Dr. Catherine Rudowsky

Mango, a language-learning software is now available and includes 17 foreign language classes for international students.

Library hosted writing event.

Outstanding Author Series is being implemented. First event will take place on November 03, featuring Dr. Maresh-Fuehrer.

A library liaison reception will be held on November 08.

An academic e-book package with 140,000 books has been purchased from ProQuest.

Graduate students are making good use of the remodeled study rooms. Reservation system may have to be implemented soon.

Dr. Kar: Does Mango include a writing component? Dr. Rudowsky will follow up.

iv. International – Dr. Joseph Mollick

Dr. Sanford will convene the International Committee to expand international and study abroad programs.

Goal is to increase numbers of South and North American exchange students.

TAMUCC has a network of agents to recruit foreign students throughout the world.

ESL is no longer TAMUCC's ESL provider and has been replaced by Study Group.

III. Unfinished Business

Dr. Etheridge will draft memo in support of CPIRA request to increase graduate assistantship stipends.

IV. New Business

Proposed merger between TAMUCC and TAMUK will be discussed by Board of Regents and legislature. Brief discussion ensued. Obvious advantage will be that attaining emerging research status will become more feasible.

V. Matters Arising

None, meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.