

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes		1:00 – 3:00 PM LIB-208 March 8, 2018
Attendees:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Joseph Mollick	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Alexandra Theodossiou	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. A. N. M. Waheeduzzaman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Frank Spaniol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Lynn Hemmer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Faye Bruun
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Charles “Chuck” Etheridge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Steven Seidel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Louis Katz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Pamela Greene	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Sara Baldwin	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Susan Dyess
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Dulal Kar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Xinping Hu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Christopher Bird
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. JoAnn Canales	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Marvarene Oliver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Catherine Rudowsky

- I. Call to Order and Attendance: Dr. Seidel called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. Attendance is reflected above.
- II. Approval of Minutes from February 8 and 22 meetings.
 - A. Correction to minutes from February 8: Dr. Bruun was present; Dr. Rudowsky was not. Dr. Spaniol reported on issues regarding the UCC. Motion to approve as amended by Dr. Rudowsky, seconded by Professor Katz. The motion carried, with two abstentions (13 yes).
 - B. Correction to minutes from February 22 regarding attendance. Dr. Hu noted that Dr. Lebreton’s graduate faculty status is in COSE and not CLA as noted. Motion to approve by Dr. Greene; seconded by Dr. Baldwin. Motion carried with one abstention (7 yes).
- III. Reports and Updates
 - A. Graduate Council Chair – Dr. Seidel noted that more people applied for 3MT, with 15 applying during the extended application period. He noted that the increased number of applicants will be addressed by having an elimination round so that the number competing at the event itself will be 10.
 - B. CGS Updates – Dr. Oliver
 - i. Dr. Oliver discussed TEDx university talks and asked whether council members believed this venue might be worth exploration, noting that she wanted the council’s input prior to putting the idea forward to administration. Council members discussed several points, including the importance of cost (unknown), support of faculty, Tedx as a possible venue for furthering recognition of research by faculty and students in the local and broader community, and whether such an endeavor could be done as effectively via free talks offered to the community by the University. Tedx’s brand recognition and influence was noted. The council recognized that this may be a good fit with current emphases of the university and that details such as cost and administrative approval as well as faculty buy-in would be important. Dr. Bruun moved to put forward the idea of TEDx exploration to administration; Dr. Baldwin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Dr. Oliver reported to the council regarding an author service whose representatives contacted Drs. Canales and Oliver and with whom Dr. Oliver met at a recent regional

Colleges of Graduate Studies meeting. She provided information about services and reported that one issue that is discussed about such services in terms of student use has to do with the importance of university policy around such services (e.g., academic dishonesty). The company that contacted CGS is interested in co-branding, at no cost to the university; faculty and students who use the service would pay fees directly to the company at a discounted rate. One council member reported on personal experience working for such a company during graduate school and indicated that most such companies use primarily graduate students for proofreading work. Issues discussed included acceptability of proofreading/copy-editing vs. more significant re-writing, the availability of existing writing resources on campus and elsewhere, concern about cobranding signifying endorsement to faculty and students, and the lack of benefit to the university vs. the author service. It was suggested that a resource list of writing services be developed specifically for graduate students. A question was raised about whether services available at TAMU are available to students in other universities within the system.

C. Committee Reports

- i. Curriculum – The question was raised again regarding the role of Graduate Council in the catalog review process. Dr. Oliver reported on a follow-up email exchange with Dr. Aldridge Sandford, who confirmed there is no role for the Graduate Council as a body. Instead, the two Graduate Council individuals who serve on the UCC will provide information to Graduate Council as well as any feedback to the UCC as a result of Graduate Council discussion. There was some concern expressed that the communication cycle (UCC members to Graduate Council Members to UCC members will create a longer process. However, it was pointed out that everyone can review Curriculog once given access before Graduate Council meets so that discussion can be held during meetings. Requests for access should go to Jenny Vela. One of the Graduate Council members of UCC pointed out that the UCC is intended to speed up the catalog review process.
- ii. Rules and Procedures – Professor Katz reported that the committee considered and approved one renewal application (Dr. Proffitt) and one associate application (Dr. Devlin) for graduate faculty status. He moved that the Council approve the report of the committee and approve both applicants for graduate faculty status. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Liaison Reports

- i. ITDEC – Dr. Spaniol reported that the committee will meet on 3.9.18.
- ii. Faculty Senate – Dr. Frank Spaniol
 - a. Dr. Spaniol reported on salary adjustments to address compression/equity, change in increase of salary for academic promotions, as well as the merit pool (up to 2%) for AY 2019. every 6 years.
 - b. He noted that there are remaining issues to address, such as how salary for department chairs and others who have 50+ or more administrative assignments and do not have post-tenure review will be addressed as well as how salary for non-tenure track clinical faculty will be addressed. Another issue to be considered is how an unsatisfactory post-tenure review will be addressed.
- iii. Library – Dr. Catherine Rudowsky reported that she will be meeting with representatives from the Student Government Association, which is asking that the library extend hours. She asked whether council members saw a need for extended hours.
- iv. International Education Committee – Dr. Greene reported on the February 22 meeting and a survey to examine strengths and gaps for international students. She also noted that the

Parade of Nations will occur in April in the UC and encouraged members to support attendance of faculty and students.

v. Other – none.

IV. Unfinished Business – None

V. New Business – None

VI. Matters Arising – None

VII. Adjournment – Dr. Greene moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:40.

TENTATIVE FUTURE MEETING DATES

2018: 04/12; 04/26; 05/10