

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes		1:00 – 3:00 PM FC 177 April 11, 2019
<b>Attendees:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Joseph Mollick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Alexandra Theodossiou	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. A. N. M. Waheeduzzaman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Michelle Hollenbaugh	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Lynn Hemmer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Faye Bruun
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Sandrine Sanos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Steven Seidel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prof. Louis Katz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Mary Jane Hamilton	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Sara Baldwin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Christina Murphey
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Dulal Kar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Xinping Hu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Christopher Bird
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Karen McCaleb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Marvarene Oliver	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Catherine Rudowsky

- I. Call to Order and Attendance- Dr. Seidel called the meeting to order at 1:02. Quorum was reached at 1:04 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes: Prof. Katz moved to approve the March 21, 2019 minutes. Dr. Hamilton seconded. Dr. Hollenbaugh made a friendly amendment which was accepted. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Reports and Updates
  - A. Graduate Council Chair Report: Dr. Seidel informed council members about the success of 3MT and announced the winners. Dr. McCaleb thanked Dr. Seidel for his continuing work on the event and all attendees for encourage students to participate.
  - B. CGS Updates: Dr. McCaleb introduced Shay M. Lee as the CGS Administrative Assistant and added that Shay will assist with Graduate Council. Dr. Oliver informed the council that we do not have the current meeting room for the fall. The new meeting space for 2019-2020 will be announced in the future. The May meeting will be a breakfast meeting to be held in FC 177. Dr.
  - C. Committee Reports:
    - i. Curriculum Committee: Dr. Seidel reported that he and Dr. Bruun attended the UCC meeting and that the Digital Content Design and Management Program passed.
    - ii. Rules and Procedures: Professor Katz reported that one graduate faculty application was approved and moved that the report and recommendation of the committee be accepted. The report was unanimously approved. Prof. Katz brought up a concern about the limits for who can be approved to hold appointment that allow service on thesis/dissertation committees. Dr. Oliver noted that the justification provided by the program is critical and asked whether the council needs more information for their discussion. Dr. Hamilton noted that she will be out at the next meeting and pointed out the importance of having CONHS faculty who work with the DNP among those who inform council discussion. Council members agreed to discuss this issue further.
  - D. Liaison Reports
    - i. ITDEC: No report.

- ii. Faculty Senate: Dr. Waheeduzzaman reported that elections for new senators have been held and that the final meeting of Senate, which will include seating new senators and electing the new Chair, would occur the following day.
- iii. Library: No report.
- iv: International Education Committee: No report.

**IV. Unfinished Business: None**

- V. New Business:** Dr. Oliver referred to edits University Policy 33.99.09.C0.02, a copy of which was provided to graduate council members prior to the meeting. Dr. McCaleb noted that GAs do not necessarily teach and may not be purely researchers; the move to include three types of GAs, consistent with system policy, allows programs and departments to have more ability to determine responsibilities within the named types. Dr. Bruun moved to accept the proposed changes to policy. Prof. Katz seconded. Discussion ensued regarding requirement to update program handbooks (yes if new types of GAs will be used) and whether some departments/programs are restricted to particular kinds of GAs (no – it is up to the program). The motion carried unanimously.
  - VI. Matters Arising:** There was discussion regarding news articles about TAMUS endowments, especially in light of the struggle to obtain adequate funding for graduate students and research funding. This is particularly relevant as TAMU-CC has been recognized as an Emerging Research 2 university. Dr. Oliver noted that the council began the year with discussions about similar concerns and that the Graduate Council, as a body, is able to formulate opinions and submit them, via the Graduate Council Chair, to various administrative parties at TAMU-CC. Dr. Bruun moved to table the discussion to the new academic year in order to address the concerns. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- IV. Adjournment:** Dr. Waheeduzzman moved to adjourn at 1:46. The motion passed unanimously.

TENTATIVE FUTURE MEETING DATES  
5/9/19