Graduate Council Meeting
MINUTES
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
ZOOM Meeting
August 19, 2021

Attendees:

☐ Dr. Patrick Crowley
☐ Dr. Jack Clampit
☐ Dr. David Zhang
☒ Dr. Corinne Valadez
☒ Dr. Mikaela Boham
☒ Dr. Kevin Bazner
☒ Dr. Peter Moore
☒ Prof. Leticia Bajuyo
☒ Dr. Beth Rauhaus
☒ Dr. Hugo Lopez
☐ Dr. Tammy McGarity
☒ Dr. Adrienne Platt
☒ Dr. Fereshteh Billiot
☐ Dr. Patrick Larkin
☒ Dr. Xinping Hu
☒ Dr. Isla Schuchs Carr
☒ Dr. Marvarene Oliver
☒ Dr. Catherine Rudowsky
☒ Dr. Karen McCaleb

I. Dr. Boham called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. Roll was called (indicated above) and new members present for the meeting were introduced, including Dr. Peter Moore, Dr. Corinne Valadez, and Dr. Isla Schuchs Carr (Faculty Senate representative).

III. Minutes for the May 13, 2021 meeting were considered. Dr. Rauhaus moved to approve, Dr. Hu and Prof. Bajuyo seconded. Minutes were approved with two abstentions.

IV. Reports and Updates

A. Graduate Council Chair Update: Dr. Boham introduced discussion regarding University Discussion and possible action regarding 33.99.08.C0.02 of the University Rules and Procedures. Council members noted that the language itself for 33.99.08.C0.02.11 could be clearer about which training employing departments are responsible for. In addition, there were questions and concerns regarding the frequency with which training must occur, particularly but not only in the event of semester-long appointments. Several members noted that the trainings are time-consuming. Comments will be transmitted to Kevin Houlihan.

B. CGS Update: Dr. McCabe addressed the council to provide essential information about the history of CGS and the council as well as to provide information about the breadth of responsibilities addressed in the college. She noted that it will be important for council members to be aware of both services and responsibilities in the college in order to provide their best feedback to her regarding graduate education. Dr. Oliver briefly discussed the roles of the standing committee members. Additional discussion may be had during the September meeting.

C. Committee Reports
   i. Curriculum: Dr. Hu indicated there is no report and noted that work on the UCC has not yet begun.
ii. Rules and Procedures: Dr. Rauhaus reported that three graduate faculty nominations were approved by the committee and moved that the report of the committee be accepted. The motion was approved with one abstention.

D. Liaison Reports
   i. ITDEC: Dr. Adrienne Platt indicated that ODELT (now DLAI – Digital Learning & Academic Innovations) has been moved to the library. The committee itself will retain the name ITDEC.
   ii. Faculty Senate: Dr. Isla Schuchs Carr had no report. The first meeting of Faculty Senate is scheduled for 8/20/21.
   iii. Library: Dr. Catherine Rudowsky reported on changes in the library that will be occurring, including moving references and creating a Learning Commons on the first floor (in partnership with Dr. Jerel Benton, Interim AVP for Student Success). She noted that One Button is not yet completed and is now scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving. They are also thinking through the need for augmented or virtual reality learning opportunities. A council member asked about Open Access Funds; Dr. Rudowsky noted that funding will be available again this year at the same level as last year.
   iv. International Education Committee: Dr. Boham reported that Dr. Jack Clampit will serve as the council’s representative to the IEC this year.

V. Unfinished Business – none
VI. New Business – none
VII. Matters Arising – none
VIII. Adjournment – Dr. Valadez moved to adjourn at 2:24 p.m. The motion carried.

FUTURE MEETING DATES
09/09/21