Graduate Council Meeting Minutes		1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **WebEx** **October 8, 2020**
Attendees:		
☒Dr. Joseph Mollick	☐Dr. David Zhang	☒Dr. Jack Clampit
☒Dr. Michelle Hollenbaugh	☒Dr. Mikaela Boham, Chair	☒Dr. Phyllis Robertson
☒Dr. Charles Etheridge	☒Dr. Beth Rauhaus	☒Prof. Leticia Bajuyo
☒Dr. Christina Murphey	☒Dr. Adrienne Platt	☐vacant
☒Dr. Fereshteh Billiot	☒Dr. Xinping Hu	☒Dr. Patrick Larkin
☒Dr. Dorina Murgulet	☒Dr. Marvarene Oliver	☒Dr. Catherine Rudowsky
☐Dr. Karen McCaleb		

I. Call to Order and Attendance: Dr. Boham called the meeting to order at 1.01 p.m.

II. Approval of September 10, 2020 minutes: Dr. Etheridge moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Hu seconded. The motion to approve carried unanimously.

III. Reports and Updates

   A. Graduate Council Chair Update: Dr. Boham introduced Dr. Billiot as a new committee member.

   B. CGS Update: Dr. Oliver asked the Council if they had any feedback or concerns about policy (Postdoctoral Research Associates). There were none. College of Graduate Studies is going through the whole Graduate catalog and having discussions with all the ADs in each college to facilitate consistency with program/college policies and broader university policy.

   C. Committee Reports
      i. Curriculum: Dr. Etheridge reported on the process for the last UCC meeting. It was noted that the timeline for the previous UCC meeting did not allow time for the committee to review and get Graduate Council feedback. He indicated that the committee raised some questions about a 5000-level course to be taken by doctoral students. Dr. Etheridge also discussed the overall UCC process and noted the next meeting is before the next Graduate Council meeting. The subcommittee will look over the proposals and make the recommendations and then send the committee report to Graduate Council for vote.

      ii. Rules and Procedures: Dr. Rauhaus provided the report from the committee. Dr. Rauhaus moved that Graduate Council accept the report of the committee recommending approval of seven (7) applications for Faculty Graduate Status. There was no vote on accepting the report. See Addendum below.

   D. Liaison Reports
      i. ITDEC : Dr. Platt provided updates regarding teaching challenges with COVID online and face-to-face classes, including instructor exhaustion. She reported that courses utilizing a combined face-to-face and WebEx format seem to have the most issues. She noted that

ITDEC is discussing several things including choice of course management system and Zoom vs. WebEx. The Digital Scholars Grant will be open this fall and the topic will be Digital Student Successful and Engagement.

ii. Faculty Senate: Dr. Murgulet stated that Faculty Senate will be meeting on October 9. She asked if the Council can advocate to reduce the teaching loads for GAs due to demands of online teaching that are as weighty as those faculty members are having.

iii. Library: Dr. Catherine announced they have funding for the Open Access Publishing Fund with a starting funding amount of $30,000. She gave an overview of current print subscriptions and the direction the library is taking to cut subscriptions and provided information about usage numbers and costs. She also updated the council regarding library plans for the downtown building. Finally, she noted that TAMU-CC is part of Texas Library Coalition for United Action, which involves 42 universities in Texas coming together to work with publishers on unsustainable processes that are happening in publishing. They are beginning their work with Elsevier.

iv. International Education Committee: Dr. Mollick reported that the committee has not met. It is scheduled to meet next week.

IV. Unfinished Business: None
V. New Business: None
VI. Matters Arising: None
VIII. Adjournment: Dr. Hu moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. Graduate Council adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Addendum: Because the vote was not taken during the meeting, Chair Mikaela Boham called for an email vote on Dr. Rauhaus' Rules and Procedure committee report on October 13, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE MEETING DATES
11/12/20, 12/10/20
01/14/21, 02/11/21, 03/11/21, 04/08/21, 05/13/21