



Graduate Council Meeting MINUTES		1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Online April 14, 2022
Attendees:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Patrick Crowley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jack Clampit	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. David Zhang
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Corinne Valadez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Mikaela Boham	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Kevin Bazner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Peter Moore	<input type="checkbox"/> Prof. Leticia Bajuyo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Beth Rauhaus
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Christina Murphey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Tammy McGarity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Adrienne Platt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Fereshteh Billiot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Patrick Larkin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Xinping Hu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Isla Schuchs Carr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Marvarene Oliver	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Catherine Rudowsky
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Karen McCaleb		

- I. Call to Order: Dr. Boham called the meeting to order at 1:00.
- II. Approval of March 10, 2022 minutes: Dr. Valadez moved that the March 10 meetings be approved. Dr. Rauhaus seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
- III. Reports and Updates
 - A. Graduate Council chair update: Dr. Boham had nothing to report.
 - B. CGS Update: Dr. McCaleb and Dr. Oliver Dean McCaleb thanked all who participated in GPSAW. She provided information about the luncheon and other awards.
 - C. Committee Reports
 - i. Curriculum: Dr. Hu reported there were no activities this month.
 - ii. Rules and Procedures: Dr. Rauhaus reported that there were many graduate faculty nominees, primarily from COEHD and CLA. She read the names of individuals who were voted to be approved for various graduate faculty status positions. Dr. Rauhaus moved that the report of the committee be approved. The report was approved unanimously.
 - D. Liaison Reports
 - i. Instructional Technology Committee: Dr. Adrienne Platt asked that Dr. Boham circle back to her.
 - ii. Faculty Senate: Dr. Isla Schuchs Carr reported on meetings they have had and noted they have requested a closed meeting with the President regarding concerns.
 - iii. Library: Dr. Catherine Rudowsky reported that one button studio is completed. She invited people to come “play with it.” Mobile VA/RA carts are also ready. They had their first class use it and loved it; they are working on AR mobile cart. The next thing will be moving the very quiet study space upstairs. The downtown building group should begin meeting with the architect this summer. Dr. Valadez asked about the use of the downtown building. Dr. Rudowsky indicated the first floor will have an art studio; the downtown development group will have some space there. Another floor is dedicated to special collection and archives. The remaining library space is planned to be 60% high density storage and the remainder

meeting space, education space, digitalization lab, office space, etc. She also indicated that some of the offices currently in Flour Bluff may be in that building as well.

- iv. International Education Committee: Dr. Jack Clampit reported that there are about four times as many international students being admitted for the summer as compared with last summer. They are also seeing growth in international pathways program. There are more than twice as many students there now. All the grad students are computer science; there is some skepticism that the high numbers of computer science students will remain because the supplier has become a competitor. He reported that Visas are being approved at a higher rate and that the university is working on F1 status approval.

- IV. Unfinished Business: Dr. Oliver noted that Patrick Larkin had placed a letter for member comment. She also reported that Dr. McCaleb is working with and is in conversation with the Provost, Dr. Mahdy, and others about perhaps more updated information. She noted that the council may want to delay until next month but stated that the decision is up to the members of council. Dr. Larkin noted that he does not see an issue with forwarding the letter. Dr. Valadez agreed. Both noted that the letter is not asking for specific actions. There was no further discussion. Dr. Larkin moved to proceed with sending the letter. Dr. Crowley seconded. A question was raised for Dr. Oliver about where to send the letter. Dr. Oliver discussed the options available and the bylaws. Dr. Oliver asked if Dr. Rudowsky had anything to add as a Dean. Dr. Crowley presented an amendment to the motion that made a small wording change; Dr. Larkin agreed. There was also brief discussion about how to sign and copy the letter to members of the council, including those who are ex officio. The decision was made to send it to Dr. McCaleb and to copy the Dr. Phillips, Dr. Mahdy, Dr. Mahlmann, and Dr. Perez. It was also noted that the letter would go out from Dr. Boham's email in her position as chair. The vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.
- V. New Business: Dr. Oliver reminded the committee that there is a meeting scheduled for May and that if it is not needed, it will be canceled. She also noted the August meeting date for returning council members.
- VI. Matters Arising: None
- VIII. Adjournment: Dr. Hu moved to adjourn at 1:40.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

May 12, 2022

August 11, 2022 initial 2021-2022 meeting