Graduate Council Meeting
MINUTES
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Online
November 18, 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
☐ Vacant
☒ 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. Call to Order at 1:01

II. Dr. Valadez moved and Dr. Bazner seconded that the October 14 minutes be approved as The
October 14 minutes were approved as corrected. The vote Dr. Valadez moved and Dr. Bazner
seconded.

III. Reports and Updates
A. Graduate Council chair update: Dr. Boham reminded the council about Islander Lights. She also
informed council that Hypothesis is being adopted and for which there is a training meeting on
Oct. 15. Dr. Bazner asked about online availability for faculty who are not able to attend; Dr.
Boham indicated she would try to find out.

B. CGS Update: Dr. McCaleb discussed some issues that have arisen lately. She noted that TAs
should not be working more than 20 hours per week. She noted there is a pathway to work
more, especially in research positions, but that is an exception. Questions were raised about
where the current language can be found (Graduate Assistant Handbook) and about the history
of the wording; Dr. Oliver indicated she would create a document with University rules and
procedures and the Graduate Assistant Handbook and send it to all council members. Dr.
McCaleb also reminded about Rebecca Ballard’s presentation about the new iRIS system to
program directors and other on 11/29. Dr. McCaleb briefly discussed the Graduate Awards
selection committee to be made up of Graduate Council members. Dr. Oliver asked about GFR
FAQ document feedback; there was no additional feedback. Dr. McCaleb gave broad
information about CIRTL and a history of how TAMUCC CGS has become involved with it. The
goal will be to see how our graduate students can benefit from the program as well as how
training for GAs might look. Dr. McCaleb noted that she would like the Graduate Council work
with CGS further as plans are developed in the spring.

C. Committee Reports
i. Curriculum: Dr. Valadez provided the committee report and reported on the UCC. She
indicated that most proposals were approved. Dr. Hu, as chair of the committee, moved
that the report of the committee be accepted; the motion was approved unanimously.

ii. Rules and Procedures: Dr. Rauhaus was unable to attend; Dr. Boham provided the report in
her stead; seven nominations were recommended as approved. Dr. Boham moved the
report be accepted by the committee; the vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Boham also
recommended as a committee member that Dr. Oliver post an initial mark-up of the bylaws to help start the process of review. Dr. Oliver will post the document to the committee.

D. Liaison Reports
   i. DLAI: Dr. Platt informed the council that there will be no meetings until Spring semester 2022.
   ii. Faculty Senate: Dr. Schuchs Carr reported there were not updates.
   iii. Library: Dr. Rudowsky had no report. She reported that DLAI will be reporting up through Academic Affairs.
   iv. International Education Committee: Dr. Jack Clampit

IV. Unfinished Business
V. New Business: Dr. Oliver informed the council that there will be a new Graduate Council member from CONHS in place for January. Dr. Crowley inquired about a December meeting; he moved that the council not meet in December unless a specific need arises. Dr. Platt seconded. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Matters Arising: None
VIII. Adjournment: Dr. Hu moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

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