



Graduate Council Meeting MINUTES		1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Online November 18, 2021
<b>Attendees:</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Patrick Crowley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jack Clampit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. David Zhang
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Corinne Valadez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Mikaela Boham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Kevin Bazner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Peter Moore	<input type="checkbox"/> Prof. Leticia Bajuyo	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Beth Rauhaus
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Catherine Rudowsky
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.

FUTURE MEETING DATES  
12/09/21 if needed