

**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**Thursday – August 19, 2021**  
**Zoom mtg. ID: 941 0220 5134 - 3:00PM-5:00PM**

**Note: Course changes and additions will not take effect until they are listed in the graduate catalog. Items marked with an asterisk (\*) must have approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board before listing in the graduate catalog. Items marked with a plus (+) must be approved by the Department of Education before being listed in the graduate catalog.**

*Graduate Council Voting Members: Douglas Brozovic, Kris Chesky, Nolan Gaffney, Jaymee Haefner (absent), Gwen Nisbet, Daniel Peak, Denise Philpot, Lawrence Williams, Dale Yeatts (absent), Paul Hudak (absent)*

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Kris Chesky:**

- Welcomed GC members and attendees
- Announced that this month's mtg. concludes the 2020-21 academic yr.; thanked everyone that served and attended
- Mentioned the departing GC member: Daniel Peak; new voting members will be present at next month's mtg.
- Communicated that next month's meeting will be through Zoom
- September will be the month to formally decide on how to conduct the entire Fall semester, since new members will be present at next month's mtg.; if it's to be face-to-face it will be held in Hurley Board, Rm. 204

**II. MINUTES**

**MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEM II-1. –UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

**UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM II-1.**

**II-1.** Approval of July 15, 2021 minutes

**III. CHAIR / TGS DISCUSSION ITEMS / ACTION ITEMS / INFORMATION ITEMS**

**III-1. Research Roadmap** - Chair/TGS Discussion item - Aaron Roberts, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences; Director, Advanced Environmental Research Institute (AERI)

- Aaron Roberts provided context to the research roadmap process; starting in the spring semester the departments and colleges were all tasked with putting together a roadmap to improving research opportunities or research capacity
- In reviewing the submissions, we were looking for commonalities, i.e., common strengths, needs and opportunities, to determine if there was a way to bring together departments in different colleges who may need the same or similar resources or two departments who have strengths that complement each other
- Ultimately, as we finalize reviewing the submissions, we will write a summary and try to communicate to the President and Deans the common pieces we were able to identify

**IV. REQUEST FOR NEW COURSES**

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- V. **REQUEST FOR ADD NEW OR DELETE EXISTING MAJOR/PROFESSIONAL FIELD, CONCENTRATION, OPTION, MINOR, CERTIFICATE (excluding GACs), OR SPECIALIZATION**
- VI. **REQUEST FOR ALL GRADUATE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES**
- VII. **REQUEST FOR NEW GRADUATE TRACK PATHWAYS**
- VIII. **REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN PROGRAM, MAJOR, MINOR, DEGREE, OPTION, CONCENTRATION OR REQUIREMENTS**
  - A. **In Grad Track**
- IX. **REQUEST FOR DUAL OR JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS**
- X. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
  - A. **Course Changes**
  - B. **Course Deletions**
  - C. **Information Item-THECB Delete**

**NO NEW BUSINESS**

**REQUEST TO ADJOURN MEETING – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**