

Graduate Council Minutes
Thursday - July 15, 2021
Zoom mtg. ID: 941 0220 5134 - 3:00PM-5:00PM
<https://unt.curriculog.com/agenda:462/form>

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 (absent), Kris Chesky, Nolan Gaffney (absent), Jaymee Haefner (absent), Gwen Nisbet, Daniel Peak, Denise Philpot, Lawrence Williams, Dale Yeatts, Paul Hudak*

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kris Chesky welcomed GC members and attendees
- Kris Chesky announced that Faculty senate has expressed that the “present by proxy” vote is no longer permitted in a Faculty Senate committee. If voting members are not able to attend, they will now be marked as absent. Voting members were asked to continue to provide notice if they plan on being absent/not present for a meeting.

II. MINUTES

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

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM II-1.

II-1. Approval of June 17, 2021 minutes

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

Toulouse Graduate School

MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEM III-1. – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM III-1.

III-1. Composition of the dissertation examination committee - Action item (Requested exception yr.: 2021-22)

Description: Updating verbiage for defining the dissertation examination committee

Location: In the 2020-2021 Graduate Catalog > Doctoral degree requirements > Composition of the dissertation examination committee

Text in **Black** is what is currently in the catalog; Omitting what is ~~struck through~~. Text in **Green** is what is being added.

~~Membership of dissertation examination committees will include representatives of the major field and the minor field, if the student is pursuing a minor area. Selection of committee members from disciplines other than the major or minor field is highly encouraged, whenever appropriate.~~ A dissertation committee is composed of graduate faculty with the expertise needed to support the research goals of the student. Dissertation committee members

serve in a mentoring capacity, offering constructive feedback on research and the written and oral presentation of that research. Within the program's guidelines and upon collaboration with faculty, a dissertation committee is established that creates a balanced academic experience that exceeds the needs of the student. The University of North Texas and the Toulouse Graduate School rely upon committee members to oversee all aspects of a student's dissertation/thesis research. The committee is responsible for ensuring that the student complies with all the policies and regulations of their program, college, and the university. The number of members on such committees will normally be three to five, and at least three are required. ~~The dissertation examination committee must have a minimum of two dissertation discipline members and one additional member that is either from the discipline or an external member. One committee member from the discipline will serve as the student's major professor.~~

~~If a student's major professor is a faculty member from outside of the discipline offering the degree, that faculty member can only serve as a co-chair after receiving permission from the program. The dissertation examination committee will then require a co-chair who is a faculty member of the discipline offering the degree.~~

In cases in which the academic unit has specified particular departmental or college procedures for dissertation committee members, the student will follow the specified procedures provided they do not conflict with this policy. In cases in which an interdisciplinary program is not housed under a specific discipline, the interdisciplinary program will coordinate the selection of committee members with involved disciplines and the Toulouse Graduate School.

The dissertation chair is the student's mentor and guide through this process of the demonstration of independent scholarship. Therefore, the chair of the dissertation committee, who must be willing to serve, is selected by the student in consultation with the appropriate graduate faculty, doctoral advisor or department chair in the student's discipline. The dissertation chair must hold full membership ~~in~~ on the graduate faculty. **The Graduate Faculty is composed of Full Members and Associate Members.** Students should consult the departmental policy for the selection of the remaining committee members.

A person who is not a regular member of the University of North Texas graduate faculty may receive a temporary graduate faculty appointment from the Dean of the Toulouse Graduate School in order to serve on a committee. For these appointments, the dissertation committee chair should submit an associate membership nomination form, a justification for the appointment and a vita of the prospective committee member. Associate members ~~may~~ typically cannot chair a thesis or dissertation committee. **With the approval of the department, associate members who have a terminal degree may serve as co-chairs of master's and doctoral committees in partnership with a full member of the graduate faculty. Exceptions may be permitted in limited circumstances for associate members with a terminal degree to serve as chair, at the request of the department and with the approval of the graduate school.** The majority of committee members must hold regular UNT faculty status.

IV. REQUEST FOR NEW COURSES

Toulouse Graduate School

Advanced Data Analytics

MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEM IV-1. – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM IV-1.

IV-1. ADTA 5620 - Applied and Computational Statistics for Data Analytics (Requested exception yr.: 2021-22)

Description: This course introduces fundamental concepts of contemporary statistics with an emphasis on applications and computational methods. Topics include classical inference and related numerical optimization methods; Bayesian inference and Monte Carlo methods for density estimation; jackknife, bootstrap, and related nonparametric methods for assessing statistical accuracy, obtaining linear regression solutions, and

performing hypothesis tests; estimation of functions. The course focuses on applications of statistical methods to addressing important problems in business, science, and industry.

- 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**

**MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEMS X-1. THROUGH X-5. AS A BLOCK – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL
UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEMS X-1. THROUGH X-5.**

A. Course Changes

College of Engineering

Department of Computer Science and Engineering

X-1. **CSCE 5580 - Computer Networks** (change in short course title, prerequisite)

Short Course Title: ~~COMP NETWORKS~~ > COMPUTER NETWORKS

Prerequisite: ~~CSCE 5610~~ > None

College of Information

Department of Linguistics

X-2. **LING 5410 - Computational Linguistics I** (change in prerequisite)

Prerequisite: ~~LING 3070, LING 5040, or consent of department~~ > LING 3070, LING 5040, LING 5405 or consent of department.

B. Course Deletions

College of Information

Department of Learning Technologies

Justification: Courses below belong to a program that is closing out effective December 2024. There are no students in the program who need these courses and ATTD courses have not been offered since 1996.

X-3. **ATTD 6900 - Special Problems**

X-4. **ATTD 6910 - Special Problems**

X-5. [ATTD 6950 - Doctoral Dissertation](#)

C. Information Item-THECB Delete

NO NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST TO ADJOURN MEETING – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

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