

Graduate Council Minutes
Thursday – September 17, 2020
Zoom mtg. ID: 941 0220 5134 - 3:00PM-5:00PM
<https://unt.curriculog.com/agenda:385/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 (present by proxy), Kris Chesky, Nolan Gaffney, Paul Hudak, Gwen Nisbet, Daniel Peak, Leslie Roberts, Lawrence Williams, Dale Yeatts (present by proxy)

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I-1. Kris Chesky welcomed GC members to the first meeting of the 2020-21 academic year
- I-2. Kris Chesky welcomed and introduced the newest member to Graduate Council: Professor Paul Hudak from Geography and made members aware that there were 3 current vacant seats
- I-3. Kris Chesky reminded members that all meetings for the Fall20 semester will be through Zoom; a decision will be made in December on how to conduct Spr21 meetings
- I-4. Victor Prybutok thanked Kris Chesky for serving as chair of graduate council for the 2019-20 academic year and asked if he would continue as chair for the 20-21 academic year. Kris welcomed the recommendation to continue as chair and received a unanimous vote by Graduate Council voting members to serve as chair of Graduate Council effective September 17, 2020
- I-5. As Committee Chair, Kris briefed voting members of his responsibilities in regard to meeting attendance; responsible for monitoring committee membership's status and any vacancies (whether occurring by repeated absence, leave of absence, resignation or retirement), and promptly report any occurring vacancies to the Senate leadership
 - As Voting Members, there are General Standing Committee Responsibilities
 - Attendance at all meetings by Committee Members is expected so that members are able to effectively represent their faculty member constituency.
 - Members are expected to participate actively in committee discussion whether face-to-face or virtual, and to work to complete the committee charges.
 - After 2 missed committee meetings or discussions, committee members will be notified by the chair of their lack of attendance. After 3 absences the Committee Chair may invoke the option of removing the committee member from his/her committee membership by notifying the member and the Senate office of same. [Procedures Manual]
- I-6. Joseph Oppong thanked members for participating in the Graduate School Scholarship and Awards Subcommittee. Dr. Oppong voiced that GC members are the best representation on evaluating these awards since they comprise of several disciplines. When a subcommittee is needed, an email will be sent out to GC members searching for 3-5 members to participate. GC members available to participate will then form the subcommittee group for that particular scholarship/award. GC members will be able to recuse themselves from volunteering if they are not available.

II. MINUTES

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

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM II-1.

II-1. Approval of August 20, 2020 minutes

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

III-1. Victor Prybutok made members aware that the graduate school is removing roles that would be obstacles towards student success; example: accepting credits from a non-degree seeking student. If your department finds other obstacles that you would like the graduate school to take a look at, send them our way.

College of Music

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

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM III-1.

III-1. **MM and DMA subplans** - Action Item/Information Item (**Requested exception Yr.: 2020-21**)

Description: All of the subplans were added in October 2019 with the exception of Jazz Vibraphone. This proposal is requesting for a subplan to be created for Jazz Vibraphone. Please see the previous proposal here: <https://unt.curriculog.com/proposal:7431/form>

UNT Graduate Council approval is needed to collect accurate data for reporting purposes (HEADS, NASM, Dean enrollment updates etc.). The CoM Graduate Studies Office needs to have MM and DMA subplans listed in EIS. Currently, the only subplans listed are for the MA and PhD programs and we need the same for the performance programs.

IV. REQUEST FOR NEW COURSES

V. REQUEST FOR ADD NEW OR DELETE EXISTING MAJOR/PROFESSIONAL FIELD, CONCENTRATION, OPTION, MINOR, CERTIFICATE (excluding GACs), OR SPECIALIZATION

Toulouse Graduate School

Interdisciplinary Studies

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

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM V-1.

V-1. **Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Teacher Education MA/MS** (Add Concentration) (**Requested exception Yr.: 2020-21**)

Justification: Provide students the opportunity to develop their careers in Education and Teaching.

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

Toulouse Graduate School

Interdisciplinary Studies

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

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM VIII-1.

VIII-1. Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Advanced Data Analytics, MS (Change in Title & Requirements) (Requested exception Yr.: 2020-21)

Justification: The MS in Advanced Data Analytics was originally launched using the existing INSD degree by creating the Applied Data Science concentration. After ADTA was approved by the THECB, it was intended that this INSD concentration be revised to align with the ADTA degree and courses. The proposed changes are those (belated) revisions. The revisions align the concentration name and its requirements with the current ADTA (core) courses and degree name. The updated required concentration courses also position students to be able to obtain the recently created Graduate Certificate in Data Analytics.

College of Visual Arts & Design

Department of Art Education

MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEM VIII-2. – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM VIII-2.

VIII-2. Art Education, PhD (*) (Change in Requirements)

Justification: Decreasing hours of degree to coincide with national standards. Documents attached.

Description of change: The Art Education PhD is listed in the THECB inventory at post-baccalaureate 90 SCH. This is not in keeping with national programs, including nationally ranked programs at Florida State, Ohio State, and Penn State. Current Art Education program faculty unanimously proposed this change that has also already been discussed -- with support -- in the college's Academic Committee. For incoming students who have completed the MFA in Studio Art or MA in Art Education, Museum Studies, or related field from an accredited institution, up to 30 hours of coursework be applied toward the PhD. This would further therefore reduce the number of required hours for the PhD for those students from 60 to as few as 42 – 30 hours of coursework + 12 dissertation hours.

A. In Grad Track

Department of Art History

MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEM VIII-3. – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM VIII-3.

VIII-3. Art History BA with grad track option leading to Art History MA (Change in Requirements)

Justification: Including language that allows students to take ARTH 5800 or ART 5900 special problems to fulfill the grad-track requirement.

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