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
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

*Indicates THECB approval required