

Summary of the Graduate Council April 2018 Meeting

Graduate Council Minutes - April 26, 2018

The Graduate Council met on April 26, 2018. The Graduate Council committee chairs shared their reports at the meeting. The committee reports were discussed and approved by the Council.

Academic Policy Committee: The Academic Policy Committee discussed a proposal to revise residence requirement, make changes to the residence requirement to address the proposal, and approved the changes. Dr. Jens Gregor, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science proposed to make changes to the Residence Requirement. The proposal wanted to make the registration hours the same for all students – whether on assistantships, not on assistantships, and those working a fulltime job. ***There was discussion concerning the current language for Residence Requirement and for Course Loads.***

The committee studied the list of peer schools to compare our current policies and practices. After reviewing the list of peer schools the committee found that most peer institutions require a residence. APC voted and unanimously approved the proposal to revise the Residence Requirement language and to ***edit the definition for Course Loads.***

The Graduate Council unanimously approved the proposal and the APC Report.

Course Loads (Revised language for Course Loads) *The maximum load for a graduate student is 15 credit hours during fall and spring semesters. While 9 credit hours is considered full time, the typical full academic load varies by discipline. For the summer semester, graduate students may register for a maximum of 12 credit hours in an entire summer semester or for a maximum of 6 credit hours in a five-week summer session.*

Students may enroll in only one course during a miniterm session.

Students holding a one-half time assistantship normally should enroll in at least 6 credit hours during the terms of the assistantship. A one-fourth time graduate assistant normally should take at least 9 credit hours during the terms of the assistantship. A student must be enrolled in at least 9 credit hours to be considered full-time for federal financial aid purposes, even if the student has an assistantship.

The section entitled Policy for the Administration of Graduate Assistantships contains additional information about assistantships. Registration for more than 15 credit hours during any semester, or for more than 12 credit hours in the summer term, is not permissible without prior approval. The academic advisor may allow registration of up to 18 credit hours during a semester if the student has achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or better in at least 9 credit hours of graduate work with no outstanding incompletes. The Graduate Course Overload form can be found on the Graduate School website

Curriculum Committee Report: (Robert Fuller, Chair) (Attachment 4)

Dr. Fuller summarized the April 5, 2018 meeting and recommended to the Graduate Council the Committee's Report for approval.

The Graduate Council reviewed one submission from the Haslam College of Business.

Submission included addition and revision of courses, proposal to add a graduate certificate- **Supply Chain Management** and add online **MS program for the Supply Chain Management.**

- Added 7 courses and revised 3. –Approved.
- Proposal to add **Supply Chain Management** certificate was tabled and will come forward again in the fall. –Tabled.
- Proposal to add online MS program for the Supply Chain Management Major was tabled and will come forward again in the fall. –Tabled.

After the above corrections, the Curriculum Committee voted and approved the course changes and recommended course changes be approved by Graduate Council.

The Graduate Council unanimously approved the Curriculum Committee Report.

Appeals Committee (Mehmet Aydeniz).

The Appeals Committee reviewed one appeal and sent its recommendation to Dean Thompson for review.

The Graduate Council unanimously approved the Curriculum Committee Report.

Credentials Report from the March 29, 2018 Meeting.

This is the last official credentials report. Their time and work on this important committee was recognized and applauded. The members from the Credentials Committee will be redistributed. Four applications were submitted for review. The committee reviewed the applications and: → 1 was found to have been approved at the January meeting. → 3 were voted on and approved for doctoral direct status by the committee.

The Graduate Council unanimously approved the Curriculum Committee Report.

Deans Update: (Dixie Thompson)

- Dean Thompson announced the hiring of Provost Dr. David Manderscheid.
- There is a consultant group in place looking at how to launch a more robust online presence for both the undergraduate and graduate levels. This comprehensive report should be ready in the summer.
- UT awarded 833 degrees and 92 graduate certificates at the spring 2018 Graduate Hooding Ceremony.
- The Graduate Associate Deans met and talked about the success of the 3MT and how to improve it next year. They also talked about all the policy changes this year.

Graduate Council Chair (Jennifer Morrow)

- Dr. Morrow talked about the new survey software package: QuestionPro. There will be training available and hopefully fully functional in the fall.
- The new GC chair-Dr. Mehmet Aydeniz was introduced to the Council.

- With a ballot vote, Dr. David Patterson was unanimously elected as our new chair-elect.

Graduate Student Senate (Sergio Bedford, GSS President)

- We had our final meeting for this year last night and elected a new president and vice-president. The new GSS President is Ms. Cara Sulyok and the new Vice-President is Mr. Jack Ryan.
- Travel Awards: GSS Summer The average award was \$375 and we funded over 200 students. For the year, we were able to fund over 600 students to present new and original research at conferences.
- Graduate Students voted and approved a new constitution. In the change, a new organization was formed - ***Graduate and Professional Student Association*** (GPSA). This will allow the graduate and professional students to have a bigger voice in all graduate student life related issues, topics, and provide more opportunities for service

Graduate Council April Meeting Notes may be accessed at the following link.
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