

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2023

Guests and substitutes in attendance: Anna Beaudry, Provost Nancy Brickhouse, Tom Brooks, Mark Bryant, Gary Carini, Jason Carter, Michael Estepp, Sydnee Humphries, Denny Kramer, Lesa Lawson, Laine Scales.

Graduate School deans and staff in attendance: Larry Lyon, Becca Cassady, Sara Dolan, Sheila Dooley, Tosha Hendrickson, Bill Hockaday Eric Hooley, Chris Rios, Alana Schaeper, David Winkler.

Graduate School Dean, Larry Lyon, greeted the group. The invocation was led by Lesa Lawson.

Minutes Review and Approval

The minutes from November 11, 2022 were presented for review and approved without changes.

Provost Nancy Brickhouse

Provost Brickhouse discussed the implications for graduate education at an R1 University, especially as it relates to mentoring doctoral students.

GPD Introductions

Dr. Dolan reviewed handouts, facilitated group exercise around graduate program handbooks and policies, and encouraged tables to introduce themselves and network with one another.

Q. How can online attendees access files (handouts) Dr. Dolan referred to?

A. Contact Sheila Dooley for copies of these handouts.

R1 Metrics

Dean Lyon explained that Baylor continues to improve its R1 metrics.

Guest Speakers

Dr. Dolan introduced incoming Graduate School Association President, Anna Beaudry, who discussed what GSA means at an R1 University.

Mark Bryant from the Center for Global Engagement and Sydnee Humphries from the Career Center spoke of the resources available to GPDs and their students.

Degree Proposals:

Dr. William Sterrett presented the new proposal: PhD in P-12 Educational Leadership. Dean Lyon called for a vote.

Voting Results: Passed 42-4

Dr. Jason Carter presented the new proposal: Master of Physician Assistant Studies. Dean Lyon called for a vote.

Voting Results: Passed 44-2

Dr. Chris Rios

Overview of reporting payroll changes for Summer/Fall. Contact the Graduate School directly for questions, not HR.

Discussion on updating the catalog regarding admission to candidacy prompted additional questions from GPDs. Dr. Rios to circle back to this topic, after summer meeting with the Provost and further discussion with Grad School administrators to offer alternative solutions.

Breakout Session

Group divided into sessions for Research Doctoral Programs and Online/Hybrid Professional Programs. Virtual option for Doctoral Programs was not offered.

Conyers Scholars Program

Video presentation by Dr. Laine Scales, who called for students to apply.

Stipend Budgets

Dr. Rios discussed Internal Stipend Budgets for Graduate Students and announced that Anna Henderson will assist in reviewing budgets.

Mentoring

Dr. Dolan gave status of meetings and encouraged GPDs to encourage their graduate faculty and students to complete their mentoring agreements.

Announcements

Dean Lyon encouraged GPDs to attend graduations and reminded them to provide advisors/faculty for hooding ceremony.

Meeting ended and Dean Lyon dismissed the group.