

Minutes of the Graduate Council

Date of Meeting: April 20, 2022

The April 20, 2022 meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order at 1:17 p.m. via Zoom by Dr. Gretchen Busl, Chair of the Graduate Council.

Attendance:

- **Members:** Alyssa Fiss, Ann Wheeler, Lin Moore for Annette Torres Elias, Derek Crews, Dundee Lackey, Gretchen Busl, Gretchen Hoffman, Holly Hansen-Thomas, Jordan Fuchs, June Levitt, Kevin Becker, Laura Trujillo-Jenks, Lee Brown, Margaret Young, Mindy Menn, Noralyn Pickens, Patricia Bowyer, Pushkala Raman, Philip Yang, Randa Keeley, Rita DelloStritto, Ruth Johnson, Sandy Cesario, Sharla Snider, Suzanne Sellers, Wesley Tucker
- **Guests:** Allison Peterson, Erika Armstrong, Kimberly Mory

MINUTES APPROVED:

- The meeting minutes for March 09, 2022, were voted on and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Report from Dr. Holly Hansen-Thomas:

- Enrollment numbers: Fall application status- total down 42%; master's: 1,202 applicants for fall (compared to 1,800 at this time last year), so we are down 33%; Doctoral applications are 490 as compared to 1,089 from last year, making a 55% deficit.
- GRE-asking again for programs to consider streamlining admission standards
 - Pilot for undergrads- Alumni Advantage
 1. COPE
 2. CAS- History and Political Science
 3. CHS- Nutrition
 4. COB
- 99 hour warning letters were sent out.
- Graduate Faculty Status- The website is up-to-date, and we ask that your administration help with accuracy.
- Recruitment fund- Deaf Education
- Schweitzer Fellowship-
 - Iman Anwar - Healthcare Administration (MHA/MBA)
 - JorDaSha Atchison - School Psychology (PhD)
 - Houston- Kelsie Barta – Virtual Nursing (PhD)
- Federation (results will be announced April 22) and TWU's Creative Arts and Research Symposium (next week April 26-27) -Thanks to all Federation Judges and to the Research Symposium committee.
- Graduate School and Beyond event will be held at 1:30 on Tuesday in SU2231; Patty will share more about the awardees.
- Updating the website and social media platforms with PD and events.

- Graduate Student Appreciation week update--Events from April 4-8 (dogs and yoga) were successful.
- New Sedona employee - Zeynep (Ze Ze) Demir.
- Busy year-14 academic programs and standards proposals so far; PhD in ELO, and multiple faculty applications.
- Post-Master's Certificate in the School of Counseling program is anticipated to close on January 1, 2023.
- CON submitted a proposal to move online for existing tracks of their MS Nurse Practitioner degree. We are waiting on additional information from Nursing before finalizing.

Report from Dr. Ruth Johnson:

- Graduate Catalog; updating and finalizing changes.
- Target X; new tentative launch date and we will be testing the system soon.
- Staff Appreciation Week was held one week early for Graduate School staff.

SUMMARY REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Executive Committee – Dr. Gretchen Busl

- Thank you to all members for a successful year.
- Thank you to Dr. Kevin Becker for his time with TWU.

Research Committee – Dr. Patricia Bowyer

- Thank you to the committee members for the work they all did in reviewing submissions for the Graduate Council Award for Exceptional, Original Scholarship and for the Chancellor's Award.

Academic Standards Committee – Dr. Ann Wheeler

- Thank you to Dr. Busl for her time with the Graduate Council.
- Thank you to the committee for all of their feedback and hard work.

Academic Programs Committee – Dr. Laura Trujillo-Jenks

- Thank you to Dr. Busl and Dr. Becker for their time with the Graduate Council.
- Thank you to the committee for always being ready to review proposals and sometimes on a short notice.

Membership Committee – Co- Chairs Dr. Kevin Becker / Jordan Fuchs

- Dr. Kevin Becker:
 - Thank you to everyone for all of the kind words and to Jordan for serving as a co-chair this last year. I enjoyed my time with the Graduate Council.
 - The new workflow application is now available. We are currently working on a few glitches, but overall, it is going great.
- Professor Jordan Fuchs:
 - Thank you to all who served on the membership committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Graduate Faculty Status policy - Dr. Kevin Becker

NEW BUSINESS:

Academic Programs Committee - Dr. Laura Trujillo-Jenks

1. Literacy and Learning: New Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Leadership and Advocacy in Early Childhood
 - Voted on and approved.
2. Literacy and Learning: New Post-Baccalaureate Curriculum Development in Early Childhood Education
 - Voted on and approved.
3. Nursing: Approval to revise the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Interprofessional Informatics
 - Voted on and approved.

Membership Committee – Dr. Kevin Becker

Approval of the Membership Committee's 18 (12 Full/ 6 Associate) faculty recommendations;

- Voted on and approved electronically.

Name	Component	Recommendation
Carin Adams	Nursing	Associate
Bonnie King	Human Development, Family Studies and Counseling	Associate
Ann Malecha	Nursing	Full
Rupal Patel	Physical Therapy	Full
Sabrina Pickens	Nursing	Associate
Susan Quisenberry	Nursing	Full
Teresa Sparks	Nursing	Associate
Kerry Webb	Business- Management	Full
Lin Zou	Business- Finance	Full
Lin Moore	Literacy and Learning	Full

He Ren	Business- Finance	Associate
Rigoberto Delgado	Business- Health Care Admin	Associate
Aaron Norton	Human Development, Family Studies, and Counseling	Full
Aimee Hendrix	Professional Education	Full
Mary Amanda Stewart	Literacy and Learning	Full
Peggy Lisenbee	Literacy and Learning	Full
Joyce Armstrong	Human Development, Family Studies, and Counseling	Full
Sabrenda Littles	Nursing	Full

- Election of Chair (current nominee is Randa Keeley)
 - Voted on and approved electronically.
- Election of Vice Chair (current nominee is Mindy Menn)
 - Voted on and approved electronically.
- Recommendation to move Graduate Council meetings to 1:00-2:15pm and to remain virtual for 2022-2023 year.
 - Voted on and approved electronically.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:35 p.m.

The next meeting of the Graduate Council is scheduled for September 21, 2022, via Zoom. The subsequent meetings are found on the Graduate Council website as follows:

- May – August 2022 (No Meeting)
- September 21, 2022 (no new applications or proposals considered)

Members and guests may receive the Zoom link to meetings from Ms. Danita Cantu at DCantu5@twu.edu.