

Minutes of the Graduate Council

Date of Meeting: March 19, 2025

The March 19, 2025, meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order at 1:02 p.m. via Zoom by Dr. Randa Keeley, Chair of the Graduate Council.

Members in Attendance: Dayna Averitt, Ale Babino, Lee Brown, Rachelle Campbell, Paula Clutter, Derek Crews, Helen Everts, Nerissa Gillum, Faheemah Hannah, AnaLouise Keating, Randa Keeley, Bethany Lazarus, Hyuk-Jin Lee, Mikyoung Lee, Zhen Li, Alicia Lohmann, Jennifer Martin, Hope McCarroll, Mindy Menn, Della Molloy-Daugherty, Kimberly Mory, Catalina Pislariu, Jennifer Quong, Rita Dello Stritto, Suzanne Sellers, Sharon Wang-Price, Ann Wheeler, and Alisa Woods.

MINUTES APPROVED

- The February 19, 2025, meeting minutes were voted on and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT BY DR. CAROLYN KAPINUS, DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL - Report shared by Dr. Ruth Johnson on behalf of Dr. Carolyn Kapinus.

New Application Numbers for Summer and Fall:

- Master's level summer applications have increased by 25 students compared to this time last year.
- Fall applications have increased by 50 students compared to this time last year.

Dr. Kapinus encourages everyone to attend the informational sessions on behalf of the College of Health Sciences' Dean search committee, which is currently in progress.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT BY DR. RUTH JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Maximilian (Max) McComb, the new Graduate School reader, will be starting on March 26, 2025.

Graduate Student Appreciation Week – April 7–11, 2025

- Encourage your students to participate in the activities available both online and in person.
- I will visit the Houston campus, while Dr. Kapinus will travel to the Dallas campus.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- Dr. Paul Yeatts, Director, Center for Research Design & Analysis
- Dr. Elia Tamplin, Director, Academic Success Initiatives

SUMMARY REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

- Executive Committee – Chair Dr. Randa Keeley & Vice Chair Dr. Mindy Menn
 - Randa Keeley: No report.
- Research Committee – Dr. Catalina Pislariu
 - The Graduate Council Award for Exceptional, Original Scholarship reviewed nine nominations and the committee has made their decisions.
 - The committee received 20 applications (13 graduate/7 undergraduate) for the Chancellor's Student Research Scholar Award. The results were submitted to ORSP.
 - Thank you to all my committee members, especially those who reviewed over the spring break.
- Academic Standards Committee – Dr. Lee Brown
 - No Report.
- Academic Programs Committee – Dr. Ann Wheeler
 - There are no proposals for today's meeting. However, we received one application after the Executive Committee meeting, which will be reviewed at April's Graduate Council meeting, along with any other proposals received before the deadline.
- Membership Committee – Dr. Dayna Averitt
 - The committee reviewed nine graduate faculty status applications, which will be recommended for a vote today
 - We continue to face some challenges in receiving the correct RCR certificate submissions.
 - TWU's Graduate Faculty Status Policy was reviewed, and the committee's notes were sent to Dr. Lee Brown with the Academic Standards Committee to review our suggested changes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Membership Committee –

- Recommendations for Graduate Faculty Status applications (names listed on page 3)
 - Voted on and approved.

2. Academic Standards Committee – Dr. Lee Brown

- Revalidation of Expired Coursework - Discussion only

OLD BUSINESS

1. Academic Standards Committee – Dr. Lee Brown

- Graduate Program Review Policy –Voted on and approved.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:57 p.m.

*The next Graduate Council meeting will be **Wednesday, April 16, 2025.**

Membership Committee – Dr. Dayna Averitt

- Faculty Recommendations: 5 - Full / 2 - Full with Dissertation Chair Endorsement
 - Voted on and approved

Name	Component	Recommendation
Mirzaeirafe, Mehri	Nursing	Full
Quintana, Danielle	Nursing	Full
Thomas, Paul	Music	Full
Huelett, Brittany	Marriage & Family Therapy	Full with Dissertation Chair
Sullivan, Anne	OT	Full with Dissertation Chair
McKinsey, Keisha	Nursing	Full
Biggers, Samuel	Music	Full