

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
Texas A&M University-Kingsville
November 7, 2022
Sam Fore Hall Room 100B (Blue Room) & Zoom

Present

Jose Espiritu, Ambrose O Anoruo, Ari Sherris, Brent Kinghorn, Daehoon Han, Daniella Varela, Habib Ammari, Hua Li, Jesse Orth, Michael J Cherry, Natasha Mast, Weimin Xi, Jessica Chavez

Dr. Espiritu reviewed the minutes from September 30th, 2022, motion to approve by Dr. Jesse Orth, Second by Dr. Weimin Xi. All favored to approve the minutes.

ORGS Reports

- ***Accelerating innovation and Transition with Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), half-day regional workshop on the Texas A&M Campus on November 14, 2022.***
If you know anyone that is interested with (DARPA) let us know so we can get the information to the faculty member. Sent the information to Arts and Science and Engineering. This is organized by College Station. If you would like to collaborate with other sister schools, provide your abstract so you can work with together with other faculty members on your research.
- ***National semiconductor Texas Workshop November 8, 2022 Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center College Station, Texas.***
Received the information from the Vice President of Research from Dr. Joe Elabd. Sent the invitation to the Deans and Faculty in the Arts of Science and Engineering if they were interested and are working or conducting semiconductor related research. They want to get different faulty members from the different campus and want to proposed an incentive for semiconductor.

Today's Business

- ***Review adjunct graduate faculty applications***
Graduate adjunct faculty applications for review are
 - Juan Anciso, Dr. Wemin Xi motioned to approve, second by Dr. Ari Sherris.
 - Dwayne Elmore, Dr. Jesse Orth motioned to approve, second by Dr. Weimin Xi.
 - Mark Hainline, Dr. Wemin Xi motioned to approve, second by Dr. Jesse Orth.
 - Christine Hoskinson, Dr. Jesse Orth motioned to approve, second by Dr. Weimin Xi.
 - Emelyn Salazar Castillo, Dr. Ari Sherris motioned to approve, second by Dr. Weimin Xi only need Dean's approval. Dr. Espiritu will contact Dr. Shad Nelson to inform him on the adjunct graduate application for Dr. Salazar Castillo needs Dean approval.The adjunct graduate application needs to be updated stating only for committee membership not to teach a course.
- ***Graduate curriculum proposals.***
Dr. Hua Li reviewed the graduate curriculum proposals to graduate council members.
BIOL-2022-G-1- Add a new certificate program - send it back for revision
BIOL-2022-G-2 – Add a new M.S. course - Approved with the conditions of addressing the comments.
BIOL-2022-G-3 – Add a new M.S. course – Send it back for revision
BIOL-2022-G-4 – Add a new M.S. course – Send it back for revision
BIOL-2022-G-5 – Add a new M.S. course – Approved with the condition of addressing the comments. Dr. Hua Li moved to approve, second by Dr. Weimin Xi.

BIOL- 2022-G-6 – Add a new M.S. course- send it back for revision.

BIOL-2022-G-7 – Add a new M.S. course – send it back for revision.

BIOL-2022-G-8 – Add a new M.S. course - send it back for revision.

CHEM- 2022-G-1 -Add a new M.S. course – Approved. Dr. Hua Li moved to approve, second by Dr. Weimin Xi.

EDLC- 2022-G-07 – Modify existing program – Approved after modification. Dr. Weimin Xi moved to approve, second by Dr. Hua Li.

CHEM-2022-G-2 – Change the title of graduate course – Approved. Dr. Hua Li moved to approve, second by Dr. Weimin Xi.

PHEN-2022-G-7 – Modify program – Approved after modification. Dr. Habib Ammari moved to approve, second by Dr. Weimin Xi.

PSYC-2022-G-1 – Change course prerequisites – Approved. Dr. Hua Li moved to approve, second by Dr. Weimin Xi.

PSYC-2022-G-2 – change course prerequisites- Approved. Dr. Hua Li moved to approve, second by Dr. Weimin Xi.

PSYC-2022-G-3 – Modify program/degree/major- Approved. Dr. Hua Li moved to approve, second by Dr. Weimin Xi.

PSYC-2022-G-4 - Modify program/degree/major – Approved. Dr. Hua Li moved to approve, second by Dr. Weimin Xi.

PSYC-2022-G5 - Modify program/degree/major – Approved. Dr. Hua Li moved to approve, second by Dr. Weimin Xi.

EVEN-2022-G-1 – Modify program/degree/major – Approved. Dr. Hua Li moved to approve, second by Dr. Weimin Xi.

EVEN-2022-G-2 – Add a new M.S. course into catalog – Approved. Dr. Hua Li moved to approve, second by Dr. Habib Ammari.

- ***Council membership tenure (Dr. Anoruo) Selected by Faculty and by Dean***

Dr. Anouruo asked members that were in Graduate Council years when I was in Graduate School. They all agreed that it was three years for membership at the time, someone carefully removed it from any document. Looked at sister schools TAMU-CC has three-year term. West Texas has two-year term. Prairie View has no term at all, the members are directors and coordinators of Graduate programs they serve because of their positions. College Station is similar arrangement to Prairie View. There is two members that are pointed by Faculty senate they have three-year term each. They have students that serve one year on the council. We have to place it in writing on the term for council membership in the Faculty handbook. Voted on the length of term for Council membership. Dr. Ari Sherris motion to approve and second by Dr. Weimin Xi for appointed by faculty three-year term and appointed by Dean two-year term. Reappointed term needs to be up to the department.

- ***All dissertations and theses have electronic signature pages (Dr. Sherris)***

Dr. Sherris provided dissertations that were taken from ProQuest from 2022 in the cloud from variety of institutions George Mason, Indiana University, Preston University, UC Berkley University, University of Florida, University of Minnesota, University of Pittsburgh, Yale, these dissertations do not have signatures or an electronic code. This is a possible root to go for us. We have Doctoral programs that we have students that do not live here and they have to mail the signature page for faculty to sign, students should not be paying for this. The college does not want to carry the cost for the students. The Provost did not have

an argument just that hand signatures were beautiful. Why are we doing this if other colleges are not using it. Can we use DocuSign for signature pages for theses and dissertations? I am favoring streamline, we can have signatures or no signatures. We can vote on this, to use DocuSign instead of hand signatures for theses and dissertations. Dr. Daniella Varela motion to approve second by Dr. Weimin Xi to have electronic signatures and not have hard copy signatures for the Fall 2022.

Adjourn

APPROVED