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| Dr. Doug Ried (Chair) | Dr. Dennis Combs (CEP) | Dr. William Sorensen (CNHS) | Dr. Alecia Wolf (GC) ExO |
| Dr. Randy LeBlanc (CAS) | Dr. Wes Hickey (CEP) | Dr. David Pearson (COP) | Ms. Brenda Burton (REG) ExO |
| Dr. Srini Kambhampati (CAS) | Dr. Hassan El-Kishky (COE) | Ms. Rebecca Fernandez (LIB) ExO | Student (CBT): Aaron Reagan |
| Dr. Nicholas Fessler (CBT) | Dr. Torey Nalbone (COE) | Ms. Sydni Blundell (GC) ExO | Student (CEP): David Gwinn |
| Dr. Mary Fischer (CBT) | Dr. Belinda Deal (CNHS) | Dr. William Geiger (GC) ExO | ( = PRESENT) |

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| ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION | | | |
| I. Call to Order | WT Brookshire Building – 2nd Floor Room 234, 10am to 12pm | | | Chair, Doug Ried, called to order at 10 am. | |
| II. Approval of Minutes | Approval of minutes from February 12, 2016, March 18, 2016. No meeting April 2016. | | | Motion: Fessler  2nd: El-Kishky | |
| III. Committee Reports   1. Curriculum Committee 2. Ad Hoc | 1. Curriculum Subcommittee report and recommendations (MF)    1. Committee Recommendations on Courses and Programs 2. Other ad hoc committee reports | | | Program Change Forms Received from MSIS and MAIS. Change form submitted for the purpose of terminating the Programs.  Motion: Hickey  2nd: El-Kishky  Unanimous approval. | |
| IV. Unfinished Business | 1. Progress Reports on 2015-16 Ad Hoc Committees    1. Non-Degree Seeking and Probation (AW)    2. Bylaws (MF)    3. Program Review (Strategic Plan) (DR) 2. 2015-2016 Academic Year Accomplishments    1. Met Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 4, 2015; Jan 22, Feb 12, Mar 18, May 13, 2016.    2. Beta-tested Electronic Curriculum Management – Smart Catalog Update.       * Launch templates in the Academic Year 16-17.    3. Non-Degree Seeking (NDS) and Probation Policies       * Recommended all students, degree seeking and NDS, be dropped from classes they are pre-registered in if put onto probation. The purpose is to ensure room for students in good standing who may not be able to take a course if enrollment limits are reached.    4. Transcript credit hours for grad/undergrad courses       * System worked out with the Graduate School to ensure undergraduate credits will be posted on graduate transcripts (and vice versa).    5. Honorifics       * Colleges / programs can set own recognition & have pre-ceremony.    6. Standardized Format for Graduate Program Catalog    7. Proposed Admissions Policy for U. T. System Academic Institutions.    8. (Added) Curriculum Subcommittee acted on 148 items, including 9 new programs, 73 new course forms, and 66 program or course change forms. See attached documentation. 3. Entrance Exam Waiver Options (AW)    1. Status as of 3/18: GS working on language options 4. Report - Non-degree seeking probation subcommittee (AW)    1. Postponed 2/12 and 3/18 5. Number of times a degree seeking student can stay on probation (AW)    1. Vote was to have been taken. Guidance on number for electronic ballot. 6. Faculty Ambassadors – Travel $ for recruiting (AW) 7. Status: Postponed from 2/12 8. Withdrawals Policy Proposal (AW)    * 1. Status: Postponed from 2/12 9. Firearms on Campus Update (DP) 10. Approval of Provisional Admits (BG)     * 1. Status 2/12 Meeting: Take back to colleges for feedback       2. Looking at whether or not to grant OGS ability to admit well-qualified applicants – might be attractive professional school prospects       3. Would proceed on program-by-program basis – gets easy applicants off departments’ plates so they can focus on others 11. Academic Standing Comparison (BB) | | | A.1 Completed  A.2 Retain current bylaws. Report to Dean of Graduate School and inform Faculty Senate.  A.3 Postpone until AY 2016-17.  IV.B Purpose of this accounting of activities (as of 5/12/16) is to thank the committee and subcommittees for all of their hard work in AY 2015. Report of the committee’s activities will be made available to the Provost’s Office and the Faculty Senate and others on the Graduate Council Web Page.  <http://www.uttyler.edu/graduate/gradfaculty/agendas_and_minutes.php>  IV.C Completed. Wording added to 2016-17 Graduate Catalog.  IV.D Completed. RO to drop students from classes until they meet with their advisor and complete paperwork. Wording added to 2016-17 Graduate Catalog.  IV.E Tabled for more complete study. To be added to 2016-17 charges.  IV.F Discussion to be continued into 2016-17  IV.G Withdrawn by Dr. Wolf.  IV.H Continued. Board of Reagents will investigate and provide guidance in August.  IV.I Completed: Feedback received from members at the meeting. Agreed that the Graduate School should be allowed to provide “provisional admission” to individuals missing selected information from their application to facilitate admission so as not to lose good students to other programs. The information will be program-by-program, but should be transparent and standardized within programs.    IV.J Brenda Burton shared information (see attached). Information to be made available for next year’s Committee for GC priority on review of the Graduate School and individual programs’ probation and suspension regulations and practices. | |
| V. New Business | 1. Recommendations for GC priorities for 2016-2017 Academic Year | | 1. Review how undergraduate credit hours are calculated (or not) in the Graduate GPA for graduation and other academic purposes.  2. Dashboard for Graduate Programs (WG). Make Graduate Council Members aware for communication to their Colleges.  3. Financial aid / awards (e.g., Scholarships) as a means for strengthening the graduate programs at UT Tyler (WG).  4. Review the Graduate School’s current progression policy regarding suspensions and probation to see if it is working and/or if it needs to be adjusted. (See IV.J above). | |
| VI. Announcements/ Open Forum | 1. Grad Council portion of the website has been updated with the members, agendas, and minutes. 2. SB showed a demonstration of the UT Tyler digital repository – Scholar Works at UT Tyler. The direct link is [www.scholarworks.uttyler.edu](http://www.scholarworks.uttyler.edu) and it is the digital repository for faculty and student research and publications. | |  | |
| VII. Adjourn |  | | Motion: Ried  2nd: El-Kishky  Adjourned at 11:47 am. | |