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| [ ]  TBD (CBT) | [ ]  Dr. David Criswell (CNHS) | [x]  Ms. Chelsea Miller (GC) ExO | [x]  X = Present |

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| ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
| I. Call to Order | Meeting Dates for the 2017 Fiscal year: Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 13, Feb 10, March 10, April 14 at 1 p.m. in PHAR 235May 5 at 10 a.m. in PHAR 235  | Chair, Dr. Mary Fischer, called to order at 1:32pm |
| II. Approval of Minutes | Approval of minutes from May 2016.  | Vote: Unanimous Approval |
| III. Committee Reports1. Curriculum Committee
2. Ad Hoc
 | 1. Curriculum Subcommittee and guidelines (MF)
* Discussed online Syllabi policy (12 step check list)
* Links on form are better working in Google Chrome or Firefox rather than Internet Explorer (TN)
* Policy could be simplified, each step should not have multiple steps within it, too cumbersome for the committee to keep up with the way it is (TN)
* Policy does hold value in the way that it allows for uniform and structure to follow (BB)
* Login process has proven to be a bit difficult for some to achieve, plans to add steps and more detail to help that process (MF)
1. Ad Hoc Committee Report and Proposals:
* Previous provost felt that the current policy let too many people continue their academic career while staying on probation/suspension without ever getting off of it. (BB)
* Current policy takes the students cumulative GPA and term GPN into account to determine academic standing. (BB)
* Assignment of members to the Ad Hoc committee (MF)
* Members on this committee consists of:
1. Dr. Torey Nalbone (Chair) (COE)
2. Dr. Nicholas Fessler (CBT)
3. Michael Giordano (GRAD)
4. Brenda Burton (REG)
* Committee will meet outside of the Grad Council and try to have solution ideas before our next Grad Council meeting
 | A. Open Forum discussing input on changes and/or thoughts on current Graduate Curriculum details and deadlinesB. Ad Hoc committee formed to discuss policy on suspension and probation and how to simplify and/or better it. |

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| IV. Unfinished Business | 1. Program Review (Strategic Plan)
2. Number of times a degree seeking student can stay on probation (AW)
3. Faculty Ambassadors – Travel $ for recruiting (AW)
4. Review/act on proposed language
5. Non-degree seeking probation (AW)
 | A. PostponedB. PostponedC. PostponedD. Postponed |
| V. New Business | 1. Pass/ fail vs Cr/NCR (BB)
* Pass/Fail grading system penalizes students GPA when for receiving a (F) (BB)
* Credit/No Credit grading system does not penalize students GPA for receiving a (F) (BB)
* The Graduate School and Undergraduate currently have a pass/fail system and Undergraduate is speaking of doing away with that policy and using CR/NCR
* Unanimous decision to do away with pass/fail and implement credit/no credit policy.
* Motioned by Dr. Fischer, 2nd by Dr. Nalbone
1. New graduate programs in the pipeline (WG)
* PhD in Clinical Psychology
* Approved in August
* Going to the board of Regents in February
* Bachelors in Science and Communication Disorders has been approved, therefore leading to a Masters in Speech Pathology
* Possibly in the works: DPT in Physical Therapy
* No other Physical Therapy program in the East Texas area
* PhD in School improvement/innovation that would have multiple different tracks (mostly geared towards Superintendents)
1. Develop evaluation metrics for graduate programs
* Dashboard shows the health of each Graduate Program annually
* Two factors used to measure the health of the program
* Application Lag Time
* Retention Rates
1. Current progression policy regarding suspension and Probation (BB)
* See Above (Item (III), Bullet item (B))
1. Dashboard for Graduate Programs
* See Above (Item (V), Bullet Item (C))

 F. Financial Aid/e.g., scholarships* Percentage of scholarships awarded to Graduate Students significantly lower than those given to Undergraduate Students
* Discussion on best way to make money available to programs and allowing them to grow
* Some programs are comfortable with their size, while others want to grow (WG)
 | A. Discussed the difference between pass/fail grading systems as opposed to credit/no credit systemsB. Discussed a few new programs that may be in the works in the near futureC. Discussed Dashboard as a system of evaluation for the Graduate ProgramsD. See Ad Hoc Committee above that was formed to discuss this topicE. Discussed about in a form of measurement to evaluate graduate programsF. Discussion on amount of scholarships given in correlation with budget |
| VI. Announcements/Open Forum | * Discussion of PhD programs not allowing students to retake a course for grade replacement, only taking average of the two for the final grade.
* Discussion of needing consistency on retakes and allowing students to “cherry pick” their better grades and leave out the others when it comes to applying to their program coursework (WG)
* Move to Unfinished business: Discussion of whether a student’s GPA as an undergrad should carry over as a graduate student or should they start fresh.
* Curriculum Sub Committee Formed:
* Dr. Mark Lewis (Chair) (CEP)
* Dr. Leanne Coyne (COP)
* Dr. Randy LeBlanc (CAS)
* Dr. Mary Fischer (CBT)
* Dr. Torey Nalbone (COE)
* Dr. David Criswell (CHNS)
* Brenda Burton (REG) (ExO)
* Rebecca Fernandez (LIB) (ExO)
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| II. Adjourn | Motion by Dr. Fischer, 2nd by Dr. Fessler | Adjourned at 2:48 pm. |