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| ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
| I. Call to Order | Zoom |  |
| II. Approval of Minutes | 1. Approval of minutes from December 11th, 2020 GC meeting
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| III. Committee Reports1. Curriculum Committee
2. Ad Hoc
 | Provost Mirmiran to address the Council approx. 15 minutes1. Curriculum Subcommittee report and recommendations;
	1. 9 new courses, 3 program changes (attached)
2. Graduate Research Assistant Task Force Proposal
	1. Deferred, waiting for decisions/outcomes on funding and accessing financial assistance. See b) ii and c) under Unfinished Business (WG)
3. Mission/Vision/Goals committee to focus on statement clarity, clearly defining goals of Graduate School –
	1. Deferred until time/resources available to focus (TN)
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| IV. Unfinished Business | 1. Single Curriculum Committee
	1. Meeting scheduled for Jan 21, will include representation from UG and Grad, per Dean Geiger only curriculum will be cross referenced, not entire councils. (TN)
2. Strategic Enrollment Management Task Force
	1. Proposal presented to Lucas Roebuck and Provost Amir Mirmiran – waiting on feedback
		1. Proposal for funding stated: we agree that funding resources are a key component to the success of an effective recruitment and enrollment model. We propose that (UNIVERSITY) resource allocation for recruitment and enrollment be reviewed in a holistic way to optimize student attraction and retention for our academic programs. This may be inclusive of but not limited to funding for student recruitment, scholarships, assistantships, and waivers. We propose annual collaborative reviews with stakeholders of resource allocations to determine return on investments and evaluate effectiveness for long-term planning.
		2. Create ad hoc group to devise an inclusive plan for awarding additional funds that come as a result of proposal (BG/AW). Grad Council (GC) should be proactive and come up with an inclusive plan for how we can award any additional funds that result from the proposal and determine how we can use the new model to award what we are currently awarding. Specifically, what will determine allocation of funding for student recruitment, scholarships, assistantships, and waivers. Can use Grad Research Asst Task Force findings as a starting point.
3. Future of funding graduate study, GA funding for fully admitted students
	1. Provost Mirmiran allowed for TA funding for online students and has a proposal in the works for additional TA/GA funding (WG); funding questions tie in with Grad Research Asst Task Force and all are pending information and approvals from the Provost office. Vote on keeping GA policy that states GA funding can only go to fully admitted students, and that the academic department is the party responsible for ensuring GA policy is followed (AW)
4. Holistic Admission practices
	1. Dean Geiger to contact UT System (Lemoine) about holistic admission
	2. Create ad hoc group to devise a proposal for guidelines for implementing a holistic admission process here.
	3. Can provisionally admitted students count their performance in the first semester as part of the (holistic) decision making process? Discuss/vote if appropriate
5. Thesis & Dissertation roles and responsibilities
	1. Alecia Wolf asked for the feedback that came in from the departments when it was presented previously. Researching programs and possibilities for tracking timelines and sending date reminders. Feedback received from several GC members. (AW)
		1. Document attached for approval as a guideline for programs that do not have their own handbook with this information available to students. After Committee forms are approved, the Grad School will send reminders once per semester of due dates and deadlines via our CRM.
	2. Leave of absence during candidacy; what options available for a leave of absence once a student has been accepted into candidacy? Discuss/vote if appropriate
6. A review of the definition of the role of the Graduate Advisor – report deferred.
	1. Tabled, not removed; BG/TN
7. External Peer review
	1. Document to address the aim of the review drafted by Torey Nalbone, up for discussion
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| V. New Business | 1. Representation from Health Science campus at Graduate Council Meetings (TN)
2. Admission Appeal Subcommittee
3. discuss process for appointing a committee comprised of GC members to hear Admission Appeals (WG/BR)
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| VI. Announcements/Open Forum |  |  |
| VII. Adjourn |  |  |





