# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER GRADUATE COUNCIL FEBRUARY 11, 2022 1:00-3:00

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ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	
I. Call to Order	Zoom <a href="https://uttyler.zoom.us/j/92315521480?pwd=eVhwMlg2T21YTkZLYTMvMDVpK0VvUT09">https://uttyler.zoom.us/j/92315521480?pwd=eVhwMlg2T21YTkZLYTMvMDVpK0VvUT09</a>		
II. Approval of	Meeting ID: 923 1552 1480Passcode: 814133A. Approval of minutes from January 14th, 2022 meeting		
Minutes	A. Approval of minutes from January 14, 2022 meeting		
winnutes	2021-2022 Graduate Council Meeting dates:		
	Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13		
III. Committee Reports	A. Curriculum Subcommittee report and recommendations		
A. Curriculum	A. Currentian subcommeter report and recommendations		
Committee	1. February 2022 Curriculum proposals for GC approval		
IV. Unfinished Business	A. Redefining Graduate full-time status & financial aid impact; tabled until more info from all departments, Ad Hoc committee created by Alecia Wolf, passed to Mary Fischer.		
	B. Council by-laws modified to allow equal representation for all academic entities. Council by-laws need revising in 2022 – 3 member ad hoc Erin West, Mary Fischer, HSC rep, & Kouider Mokhtari to join as needed in discussions.		
	C. Guidance document to make changing of Grad Council members timely & efficient tabled from January. Kouider Mokhtari to meet with Steve Idell & Torey Nalbone		
	D. Academic probation policy; North Campus – tabled Michael Morris		
	E. Graduate Student Hooding at graduate exercises; Torey Nalbone will compile people to met with Gisele Abron in January, tabled from Jan pending info from Registrar's office		
	F. Transfer of military service credit, Torey Nalbone to compile committee to look into a policy.		
V. New Business	A. Introduction of new Graduate Admissions Director – Katie Hall		
	B. Comments on the progress of tuition and waivers, email sent by Beth Bruce 2/9. Need responses by Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> .		
VI. Announcements/ Open Forum			
VII. Adjourn			

# **Course Change**

## NURS 5329 Nurse Educator Role Strategies and Practicum

This course is an exploration of the nurse educator role in structuring teaching strategies that assure effective individual and group learning, safe clinical practice, and a commitment to lifelong learning. Practicum hours may focus on pre-licensure nursing education in an academic setting and/or staff development in an acute care setting.

Allowing the practicum experience to include academic and/or staff development in an acute care setting enables the instructor to tailor the experience to the career goals of the student while still meeting course objectives.

This course is presently being taught but the proposal is to deliver the course in the Fall and Spring of each academic year.

# **Program Change**

#### English M.A.

The faculty of the <u>English MA program</u> are requesting to remove the GRE from the admissions criteria for the <u>English MA</u> program. This request is based on (1) empirical evidence that does not support the continued use of GRE scores as a valuable predictor of student outcomes, (2) a diversity supporting initiative, and (3) admission trends among the field of English graduate programs.

In lieu of GRE scores, we propose that students submit a 10-15 writing sample that reflects their ability to refine and adapt the above skill sets. We have decided that the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department in collaboration with the Chair of the Department of Literature and Languages will review these samples. Both of them hold PhD degrees in English. If there are any disagreements within this review process, a member of the Graduate Committee in the Department of Literature and Languages will participate in the review process. We propose this substitution based on admission trends observed among competitor programs. Out of eight competitor programs that have removed the GRE as an admission requirement, half require a long-form writing sample:

#### **Program Change**

#### English M.A.

The English MA program would like to change the deadline for Fall 2022 applications from July 1st to July 15th and the deadline for Spring 2023 applications from November 1st to December 1st. In the summer of 2019, the Graduate School proposed changing the fall application deadline to the end of July or early August. At the time, my predecessor, Dr. Tilghman, believed that such a deadline would not provide ample time for the English MA program to review applications, make admissions decisions, and meet and advise incoming graduate students. However, after considering the Graduate School's proposal, the Chair of the Department of Literature and Languages, Dr. Hui Wu, and the Director of Graduate Studies, Dr. Tara Propper, believe that the July 15th deadline would not only extend the application period but also maintain enough time for the review and processing of applications and advising of incoming graduate students. Moreover, many of our applicants are high school instructors, and their academic year often ends on or around mid-June. Therefore, extending the deadline to July 15th will provide applicants with a full month to organize their materials. Additionally, the fall semester can be a busy time for graduate applicants. Thus, we believe that extending the deadline for spring admissions to December 1st will allow students to use Thanksgiving Break as an opportunity to finalize application materials.

## **New Program**

## Corrections Graduate Certificate

This program provides the foundational knowledge for a student to develop knowledge about criminality and the criminal justice system with an emphasis on criminal justice policy and the issues in corrections. The program exposes students to contemporary theoretical, policy, and practical knowledge associated with criminal justice. The objective is to inform students on the complexity of criminal justice related issues. Additionally, the program has been identified as a low performing program and this is an initiative to create greater awareness of the CJ MS program. Upon completion of the certificate program, if students choose, they may apply for the CJ MS program if their desire is to earn a masters degree and the hours they earned with the graduate certificate will be applied toward the 36 hours CJ MS degree. The graduate certificate is not a requirement for students that have the goal of earning a graduate degree, but the certificate provides students options based upon their personal and career goals.

The Certificate would consist of three courses totaling 9 credit hours.

#### **New Program**

# Law Enforcement Graduate Certificate

This program provides the foundational knowledge for a student to develop knowledge about criminality and the criminal justice system with an emphasis on criminal justice policy and the environment of law enforcement. The program exposes students to contemporary theoretical, policy, and practical knowledge associated with criminal justice. The objective is to inform students on the complexity of criminal justice related issues. Additionally, the program has been identified as a low performing program and this is an initiative to create greater awareness of the CJ MS program. Upon completion of the certificate program, if students choose, they may apply for the CJ MS program if their desire is to earn a masters degree and the hours they earned with the graduate certificate will be applied toward the 36 hours CJ MS degree. The graduate certificate is not a requirement for students that have the goal of earning a graduate degree, but the certificate provides students options based upon their personal and career goals.

The Certificate would consist of three courses totaling 9 credit hours.

# **New Courses**

#### CHEM 5302 CHEM 5302 Project Preparation and Research Management

This course will aim to provide graduate students in Chemistry with useful techniques for constructing their Master's project as well as offer consistent feedback on written work, oral presentation skills, and time management capabilities. The ultimate goal of this course to keep graduate students on track to graduate within their desired timelines by designing a project and creating milestone goals for its completion.

# CHEM 5390 CHEM 5390 Graduate Research

This course provides thesis track students with research experiences under the guidance of a faculty mentor.

Can be repeated for up to 6 hours of credit (but only 3 hours can be counted toward the degree requirements).

# **Change Courses**

# CHEM 5395 CHEM 5395 Literature Research and Technical Writing

This course will aim to provide non-thesis track graduate students in Chemistry with useful techniques for researching and constructing their mandatory written "professional paper" and oral exit seminar as required for graduation. Students will attain high level science literacy through group and individual assessment of current, chemistry-focused literature including research articles, short communications, literature reviews, and academic presentations. Course can be repeated for up to 6 hours of credit, but only 3 hours may be count toward degree requirements.

#### CHEM 5396 CHEM 5396 Thesis

Preparation of a thesis under the guidance of a faculty advisor. The thesis is the culmination of the research completed toward the M.S. degree. Taken in the final year of study toward the M.S degree. The student will complete and defend the thesis in CHEM 5396. Course may be repeated for up to 6 hours of credit, but only 3 hours may be counted toward the degree requirements.