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| ITEM | DISCUSSION |
| I. Call to Order |  Dr. Erin West, Chair, called meeting to order at 2:20 pm |
| II. Approval of Minutes | February meeting minutes not available for review and approval due to network issues  |
| III. Committee ReportsA.Curriculum Committee | A.Curriculum Subcommittee report and recommendations – Dr. Mary FischerDue to email issues, Curriculum Subcommittee items were presented to the entire Graduate Council for consideration.There were ten actions to consider. The first three were changes to programs.The first is a change to the MEd in Special Education to allow non-Texas teachers to be part of the program, earning a certificate, rather than testing for Texas certification. There are 7 current courses and 5 new ones will be added. They are planning for a Summer 2024 start for the program. Dr. Fischer moved to approve sending forward.Seconded by Dr. Annamary Consalvo, and the aye vote was unanimous.Pharmacy proposes three changes to their program admissions criteria to attact new students- reduce required GPA from 2.5 to 2.0, allow different subjects for GPA calculation, and remove science major requirement from the prerequisites. Dr. Fischer moved to approve sending forward. Seconded by Dr. Michael Morris, and the aye vote was unanimous.Changes proposed to the Reading MEd to correct errors in language of admissions standards. Dr. Fischer moved to approve sending forward.Seconded by Dr. Consalvo, and the aye vote was unanimous.There were 6 new course proposals to consider.School of Education proposes 2 new classes; first cohort in Spring 2026.EDSP 5348 – Characteristics, Needs, and Responses to Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders Dr. Fischer moved to approve sending forward.Seconded by Dr.Tom Roberts, and the aye vote was unanimous.EDSP 5349 - Functional Behavioral Assessments and Behavioral Intervention Plans. Dr. Fischer moved to approve sending forward.Seconded by Dr. Morris, and the aye vote was unanimous.PSYC 6386 – Internship in Psychology – Doctoral students1750 hours of clinical work; can be repeated up to 9 credit hours. Dr. Fischer moved to approve sending forward. Seconded by Dr. Nalbone, and the aye vote was unanimous.FINA 5337 – Forecasting for Busincess & Finance – more STEM oriented;free access to database and books. Dr. Fischer moved to approve sending forward.Seconded by Dr. Roberts, and the aye vote was unanimous.EDSI 6331 – Educational Policy and School Improvement for Spring 2024. Dr. Fischer moved to approve sending forward. Seconded by Dr. Torey Nalbone, and the aye vote was unanimous.NURS 6314 – Practice Change for DNP Leaders for Spring 2024. Dr. Fischer moved to approve sending forward. Seconded by Dr. Nalbone, and the aye vote was unanimous.New Program – Integrated Bio-Medical Sciences Program – lacking some appprovals.Dr. Fischer recommended the submission be tabled until April meeting, to give time to meet with Dr. Amir Mirmiran, the Provost. Seconded by Dr. Nalbone. Ayes carried the vote.Dr. Fischer advised that there are a deluge of courses coming in the next 30-45 days that should keep the Graduate Council busy through April and May. |
| IV. Updates on Graduate School | A.Dr. Steven Idell, Dean of Graduate School Dr. Idell noted that many colleges are succeeding in landing funds for research. Dr. Tabassum was awarded $100,000 by NASA, Susan McBride was also awarded $100,000, Dr. Shartau was awarded $40-$50,000, and Dr. Khanal has also gotten funds. Dr. Tucker at the Medical School has had several people get awards. Many of our programmatic strengths are in research. The notoriety of programs attracts people. Dr. Kouider Mokhtari discussed Research month coming up in April. There are four major events: 3MT, The Lyceum Student Research Showcase, Faculty Scholarship Celebration and the East Texas Research Conference (ETRC). The Graduate School will be hosting the 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) competition that will be held April 4th. There are monetary awards of $2000 for first place, $1000 for second place, and $500 for third place, which makes it worth the students’ time to participate. The East Texas Research Conference on April 20-21 features keynote speaker, Dr. Greg Willis, and there will be papers and posters presented. There are already about 150 attendees registered.Cynthia Sprayberry gave out a handout with the Thesis/Dissertation deadline dates for the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar. |
| V. New Business | A.Troy White - off-sequence walking at graduationThe policy is that undergrads with 9 hours or less to complete, and graduate students with 6 hours or less to complete, can walk the graduation before completion. There are exceptions and this generally needs a Dean’s approval, and the Dean will need to email the Provost. Every year, people walk that don’t graduate – attending commencement does not mean you got a degree.We do want to help students. B.Dr. Lou Ann Berman, Dr. Poonam Kumar, David Barron, and Troy White - review the proposed UT Tyler Academic Policies for CredentialsDr. Lou Ann Berman discussed the need to create a way for transferring in Academic credentials, and how to account for micro-credentials, certifications, badges, etc. Come up with standards and definitions. The work began last November, and is now finally at a place where they can share it. They would appreciate feedback – please send to Dr. Erin West.C.Graduate Council Chair Elect Dr. Michael Morris was nominated by Dr. West to be Chair Elect, Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Ayes carried the vote. Dr. West is leaving in summer, so Dr. Morris will step up soon. |
| VI. Open Forum |  |
| VII. Adjourn | Motion to adjourn, Torey Nalbone |