

**University of North Texas Health Science Center
Graduate Council Meeting
February 9, 2012**

RECORDING: Carla J. Lee

PRESIDING: Jamboor K. Vishwanatha

PRESENT: Berg, Clark, Cunningham, Jones, Kemp, Lee, Prokai, Sumien, Warren, Whitehead, Williamson, and Wordinger

ABSENT: Basu, Cammarata, Crusier, Forster, Griffith, Gwartz, He, Reeves, Stille, and Talamantes

Guest: Danelle Orange

MEETING TIME:

3:05 – 3:47 PM

MEETING LOCATION:

EAD-810

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion/Conclusion	Action/Recommendation	Responsible Person(s)
Approval of January 2012 Meeting Minutes	Dr. Warren moved to approve the January 2012 meeting minutes. Dr. Cunningham seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u>	Post to GSBS website.	Ms. Lee
Library Update	Ms. Orange reviewed the current ETD process. At the Graduate Council's request, she will add a signature line for the major professor to the ETD form for practicum reports, theses and dissertations. Ms. Whitehead announced new resources available in the library.	Update ETD form Update graduation website and e-mail form to graduate faculty. None	Ms. Orange Ms. Lee N/A
Faculty Appointments	Dr. Warren moved to accept the nominations to temporary graduate faculty status for Rick Staub, Ph.D. and Aaron Lefebvre, Ph.D., both of Orchid Cellmark, to serve on the committee of Amelia Dowhower. Dr. Williamson seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u>	Update graduate faculty roster Notify Drs. Staub and Lefebvre	Ms. Lee Ms. Griffith
Course Inventory	Dr. Williamson presented the Request for New Course submitted by the Department of Forensic and Investigative Genetics entitled Research Methods and Professional Development for Forensic Genetics. After discussion regarding the proposed course's overlap with Scientific Communications (BMSC 5310) and Grant Writing (BMSC 6310), the request was tabled.	Request Dr. Ge to review syllabi for BMSC 5310 and 6310 to eliminate overlap between those courses and the proposed course. Resubmit form for future Graduate Council agenda.	Dr. Williamson
GSA Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently recruiting for TABS program participation • PhD Comics movie night, March 1, 5:00 pm • Hockey Night w/Dallas Stars, March 8th 	None	None

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relay for Life is scheduled for April • Handled student complaint made to THECB; announced at GSA meeting the proper procedure for filing a complaint within the institution 		
<p>Student Complaint to THECB</p>	<p>Dr. Vishwanatha elaborated on Mr. Nguyen’s information about the doctoral student who filed a complaint with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The student’s complaint had 4 major points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) There are unfunded PhD students; 2) There are PhD students who cannot find labs; 3) Tuition keeps going up 4) Stipends are being cut each year <p>Dr. Vishwanatha responded to these complaints to the THECB and will share that response in an e-mail sent to all faculty members on the advice of the department chairs. He outlined the general response to Graduate Council members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) There are 115 PhD students enrolled; only 3 are not funded; those 3 are full-time employees of Alcon or the City of Garland. 2) Every PhD student in the second year and beyond are in labs; all first-year students have secured multiple lab rotations 3) Doctoral tuition at UNTHSC is 49% lower than the other Texas HSCs; MS tuition is 15% lower. The institution has requested a 4% increase for 2012-13. 4) The assistantship/stipend level has increased over the past six years from \$18K to \$22,770 which is above the NRSA recommended level. 5) There are many opportunities for students to lodge a complaint internally such as e-mailing President Ransom, bringing the issue to the attention of the GSA officers with whom the dean meets monthly, small group meetings with Dr. He, etc. 	<p>E-mail response to THECB to graduate faculty</p>	<p>Dr. Vishwanatha</p>

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Announcements	The GSBS will host its first-ever Hooding Convocation Ceremony on Saturday, May 19, 2012, on the TCU campus immediately prior to Commencement Exercises. All GSBS faculty will be invited to the Dean's Brunch and encouraged to participate in the hooding convocation processional in full academic regalia. Regalia may be rented through Lori Saunders in the Division of Student Affairs. Regalia rental deadline is March 19, 2012.	E-mail graduate faculty the URL for the hooding ceremony Rent regalia for participation in Hooding Convocation and Commencement	Ms. Lee Faculty members
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