

**University of North Texas Health Science Center
Graduate Council Meeting
May 12, 2016**

RECORDING: Cheryl Wisdom

PRESIDING: Mehravan Singh

PRESENT: Basu, Cunningham, Gonzales, Griffith, C. Johnson, Kemp, Kenny (for E. Johnson), Luedtke, Mao, Marciante, Novroski, Patterson, Reeves, Sumien, and Warren

ABSENT: Berg, Cheng, Gwartz, He, Simecka, and Smith

GUESTS: Gordon, Wyliee

MEETING TIME: 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: CBH - 344

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion/Conclusion	Action/Recommendation	Responsible Person(s)
Introductions	Dr. Singh introduced Alexandria Marciante, the new Graduate Student Association Vice President. He also introduced Andrea Gordon and Brandie Wylie from Testing Services.		
Approval of April 2016 Minutes	Dr. Patterson moved to approve the April 2016 minutes. Dr. Sumien seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u>	Post to GSBS website.	A. Griffith
Multiple Choice Questions vs. Essay Questions for Traditional Core	<p>Dr. Singh gave a brief review of the new competency-based curriculum for traditional students. Council members reported the feedback from each of their departments/institutes.</p> <p>Dr. Gonzales moved to implement a 50/50 split of multiple choice and essay questions in the new traditional curriculum courses BMSC 6201, 6202 and 6203 with multiple choice questions valued at 2.5 points each. Dr. Warren seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Dr. Cunningham moved to implement a 25/75 split of multiple choice and essay questions in BMSC 6204 with multiple choice questions valued at 2.5 points each. Dr. Basu seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>	Inform course directors of this decision and insure that it is incorporated into exam design for new courses.	Dr. He
Graduate Faculty Nominations	<p>Dr. Sumien moved to approve Glenn Dillon, PhD for Category III graduate faculty membership. Dr. Basu seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Dr. Basu moved to approve Kenneth Balkus, PhD for temporary graduate faculty membership. Dr. Reeves seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>	Update graduate faculty roster	C. Johnson

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Collaboration Issues on Doctoral Dissertations	Dr. Singh encouraged Council members to provide clearly delineated guidelines to students when collaborative research is used in dissertations so that each student uses primarily his or her own research.		
<i>Ad hoc</i> Committee to Study Plagiarism on Theses and Dissertations	Dr. Singh asked for volunteers to form an <i>ad hoc</i> committee to study plagiarism on theses and dissertations. Ms. Marciante, Dr. Cunningham, and Dr. Patterson agreed to serve as the committee for the study.	Committee to meet and report recommendations at the next meeting of the Graduate Council	Cunningham, Patterson and Marciante
Committees and Mentors: Interactions Resulting in Grade Assignments	Dr. Singh advised Council members that committee member signatures on thesis and dissertation documents indicated approval. The entire committee should collaborate on the assignment of the final grade. If the thesis or dissertation is not publishable, committee members can entrust their signatures to the major professor if they choose. The major professor is then responsible for ensuring that all revisions required by the committee are incorporated into the final document that is submitted to GSBS for graduation. The major professor should withhold his/her signature until those revisions are incorporated.		
GSA Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New officers have taken office • New approach – less on extracurricular activities and more focus on travel scholarships and more academic endeavors such as supporting a Nobel laureate study course capped by that laureate speaking at RAD • Hosting a faculty/student mixer at the end of New Student Orientation 		
Library Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing changes in Lewis Library include Michele Whitehead being named as Assistant Director and Lisa Smith named as Executive Director of the National Library of Medicine, a grant-funded regional medical library • Regional Medical Library is now open. As of May 1, 		

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	<p>the RML is coordinating and funding programs in a five-state region to provide clinicians and the public with reliable health information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please contact Emily Johnson if you need any assistance with library resources (including EndNote installation). 		
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Council meets the second Thursday of every month unless otherwise notified. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2016. The deadline to submit items for consideration is June 2, 2016. • Ms. Johnson announced that GSBS will host New Student Orientation for specialized MS programs May 25-27. Fall orientation is August 10-12 with the poster presentation session planned for August 11th. 		