

**University of North Texas Health Science Center
Graduate Council Meeting
June 18, 2015**

RECORDING: Amanda J. Griffith

PRESIDING: Meharvan Singh

PRESENT: Basu, Berg, Cammarata, Cheng, Cross, Cunningham, Johnson, Novroski, Reeves, Simecka, Sumien, Wendt, and Whitehead

ABSENT: Clark, Gwartz, He, Kemp, and Patterson

MEETING TIME: 3:03 PM – 5:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION: CBH - 344

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion/Conclusion	Action/Recommendation	Responsible Person(s)
Approval of April 2015 Minutes	Dr. Basu moved to approve the April 2015 meeting minutes with changes. Dr. Cheng seconded. <u>Motion carried</u> (unanimous).	Post to GSBS website.	Ms. Griffith
Pharmacy Course Equivalents to GSBS Core Courses	Dr. Cheng presented dual degree plan for Pharm/GSBS, including admissions requirements, timelines, and curriculum. Dr. Simecka moved to approve the proposal by Dr. Cheng to allow dual applicants for the 2015-16 admissions cycle. Dr. Sumien seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u> (unanimous) Dr. Cheng to present Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacotherapy program at subsequent Graduate Council meeting.	Incorporate into GSBS admissions. Dr. Cheng to submit details for distribution and further discussion on program.	Ms. Griffith/Mrs. Johnson
First Year Curriculum Restructure Updates	Dr. Cammarata provided an update for the Recruitment Committee. Ready to move further with recruiting outreach by faculty. Dr. Simecka provided an update for the Competencies Committee. Dr. Cunningham provided an update for the BEST, IDP, & Milestones Committee. Dr. Berg provided an update for the First Year Curriculum Committee.	Committees to continue to meet and work with faculty to plan reorganization. Provide updates to Graduate Council as necessary. Dr. Singh to present to final proposals to GSBS faculty/staff at annual meeting in August. Dr. Singh to sketch out a student timeline to ensure that FY Cur is meaningful.	Appointed committees

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Stipend Increase Plan	<p>Dr. Singh discussed his proposal to increase the student stipend for doctoral students to \$32,393 annually to cover tuition and insurance. GSBS to provide first 18 months of stipend, mentor/department to provide stipend thereafter.</p> <p>Proposal to be phased in until faculty grants are renewed or new grants are awarded. New grants to increase in student stipend. Proposed implementation for 2106-17.</p>	Dr. Singh to continue to refine plan and present to faculty.	
Graduate Faculty Appointments	<p>Dr. Cross moved to change the appointment of Robert Barber, PhD from Category II to Category III graduate faculty. Dr. Simecka seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u> (Unanimous)</p> <p>Dr. Berg moved to approve the appointment of Julian Hurdle, PhD to temporary graduate faculty. Dr. Reeves seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u> (Unanimous)</p> <p>Dr. Cunningham moved to approve the appointment of James Caffrey, PhD to temporary graduate faculty. Dr. Simecka seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u> (Unanimous)</p> <p>Dr. Cross moved to approve the appointment of Katherine Fogleberg, PhD to temporary graduate faculty. Dr. Sumien seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u> (Unanimous)</p> <p>Dr. Cross moved to approve the appointment of Max Courtney, MS to temporary graduate faculty. Dr. Sumien seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u> (Unanimous)</p> <p>Dr. Cross moved to approve the appointment of Laura Gaydosh-Combs, PhD to temporary graduate faculty. Dr. Sumien seconded. <u>Motion tabled pending clarification of faculty appointment.</u> (Unanimous)</p>		

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Graduate Faculty Appointments cont.	Dr. Cross moved to approve the appointment of Christina Capt, MS to temporary graduate faculty. Dr. Sumien seconded. <u>Motion tabled pending clarification of faculty appointment.</u> (Unanimous)		
Library Update	<p>Michele Whitehead provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are still pursuing becoming the Resource Medical Library for the South Central Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (under the NLM). The proposal for the bid for the 5 year cooperative agreement is due at the end of July, so we will keep everyone posted on the progress. • News from the NIH/NLM webcast last week: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Search has began for replacement for long time NLM Director; efforts are being chaired by a number of people from various NIH institutes and search committee is comprised of many scientists and bioinformaticians in addition to information science/library professionals, which is good news 2. NIH established an interdisciplinary working group to review the service and research components of the NLM 3. One important decision to come from this working group was to suggest that the BD2K Initiative most logically has a home in the NLM 4. Why that is important for researchers: it eventually may lead to a NIH requirement for deposit into a Data Commons AND development of meta data to make scientific data searchable in a Data Discovery Index 5. Wheels will be set in motion for these advancements with the hiring of the new NLM director 		

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Library Update cont.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are pleased to welcome a new member of my Library Research Services team: Emily Johnson, Reference and Instruction Librarian. Emily joins us with knowledge and experience from UT Austin and will be the new liaison to GSBS (and attendee at Graduate Council). • Goals for our office moving forward include greater support in research, publication assistance, and data given all of the new developments. <p>It has been an honor for me to work with GSBS and the council since 2011, but we are all still here to support your work especially in the Library Research Services office.</p>		
GSA Update	<p>Ms. Novroski updated Council on GSA events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hosted event for Summer Orientation - Working with TABS - Preparing for Fall orientation event 	No action required.	
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on concealed carry law. Takes effect 9/1/16. Dr. Williams can designate areas where concealed weapon are prohibited. • September 26, 2016 Sonny Singh Golf Open. Proceeds provide for two \$1,000 scholarships. • 225 new CRM/BIOT/MEDS students matriculated Summer 2015. • Graduate Council At Large member (Simecka/Cammarata) terms expire August 31, 2015. 		