

Graduate Council Report to Board of Trustees Academic and Student Affairs Committee September 17, 2018

This report includes the activities of Graduate Council (GC) since our last report on June 18, 2018. In July and August, the Graduate Council Executive Committee (GCEC) worked on the following two College of Graduate Studies policies.

The Academic Grievance Policy—this policy governs graduate student grievance procedures. The GCEC received comments from Academic Standing Committee (ASC) and the policy was revised based on ASC and GCEC input. This policy is now being reviewed by ASC again.

Graduate Student Enrollment Status—The Provost’s office requested adding a sentence to the policy clarifying that students must be enrolled in a course to receive credit on the transcript. GCEC discussed and approved the addition. This policy has been posted for comment.

The GCEC made two appointments to Research Council. We appointed Bashar Gammoh (College of Business and Innovation) and Dan Hammel (College of Arts and Letters) for three-year terms.

Beginning in June 2018, the GCEC was granted monthly meetings with Provost Hsu. These meetings allow the GCEC to bring issues of concern to the Provost for discussion and allows the Provost to have a regular, open channel of communication with the GCEC. Some of the issues we have discussed with the Provost include Winter Intersession, the possible need for a maternity policy for graduate students working for UT as graduate assistants and topics related to implementing the UT Strategic Plan. These discussions have been productive and we look forward continuing to meet with Provost Hsu.

At our first GC meeting on September 4, President Gaber and Provost Hsu helped us welcome the new academic year with updates from each of their offices. At our second meeting, on September 18, Interim Dean Cyndee Gruden will introduce a discussion about implementing Area Two of the COGS Strategic Plan: Advance excellence in research, scholarship and creative activities.

Graduate Council looks forward to continuing partnerships with COGS, the Provost’s office, the Research office, the Graduate Student Association, and UT faculty, staff and students in supporting our graduate and professional programs.

Respectfully,
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