

## Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

February 13, 2023

MSUB, Room 218 (Alumni Room of Honor)

### Present

Jose Espiritu, Ambrose O Anoruo, Ari Sherris, Brent Kinghorn, Daehoon Han, Daniella Varela, Habib Ammari, Hua Li, Jesse Orth, Michael J Cherry, Amber Shipherd, Priti Verma, Jessica Chavez

Dr. Espiritu reviewed the minutes from November 7, 2022, motion to approve by Dr. Jesse Orth, Second by Dr. Amrose Anoruo. All favored to approve the minutes.

### Today's Business

- **Removing the Graduate Council Representative Requirement**

The GCR's have not been adding value to the thesis. We added the rules for the GCR at this time, so we can review. Depending on the dissertation the GCR is not fit for the field of study. Having issues with the GCR needs to be addressed to the chair/advisor. Other institutions do not have GCR, the GCR's are difficult right now to find. We can give the options to the student if they want a GCR on their committee, external faculty is required. We can look into more depth on other institutions for us to modify or not have a GCR. Dr. Sherris and Dr. Verma will be doing research on GCR's at other Universities.

- **Review Adjunct graduate faculty application**

Jennifer Smith, Dr. Amroso Anoruo motioned to approve, second by Dr. Ari Sherris.

- **Recruitment of graduate faculty (Dr. Anoruo)**

Graduate faculty status is automatically granted to tenured/tenure-track faculty members. The process is outlined on the Office of Research and Graduate Studies website. When necessary, the department chair should send an email to [jessica.chavez@tamuk.edu](mailto:jessica.chavez@tamuk.edu) to add or remove faculty members. Adjunct faculty applications must be submitted through DocuSign. An updated email regarding the graduate faculty process needs to be sent to Deans and Chairs.

- **Graduate Program Review (Dr. Anoruo)**

The University should pay for external review, the department should not be paying for the service. The graduate office should pay for it or the University needs to have an account. There are five programs that are being reviewed this year.

### Adjourn