

The University of Alabama in Huntsville
Graduate Council Minutes

December 4, 2020
2:00 PM Via Zoom

	Ellise Adams, NUR
x	Michael Anderson, ENG Assoc Dean
x	Jennifer Bail, NUR
x	Yeqing Bao, Int'l Srvs Assoc Dean*
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x Present
* Non-voting member

Proxy:
Karen Frith for Ellise Adams

Visitors Present:
None

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed changes to the Faculty Senate Handbook regarding the Graduate Council

The Faculty Senate has proposed changes to the organization and function of the Graduate Council in a revised version of Chapter 6 of the Faculty Handbook:

6.3. The Graduate Council

The Graduate Council is an elected body representing the graduate faculty. The Council consists of the Dean of the Graduate School (non-voting, ex-officio chair), the Registrar (non-voting, ex-officio) and a number of full members of the graduate faculty; each college **with a graduate program (master's and/or doctoral)** has two representatives, **The Faculty Senators in colleges with graduate programs elect the representatives from the college. At least one member from each college shall be a current senator.** The term of an elected member is two years.

The Council examines new policies, procedural requirements, new graduate courses and programs, graduate faculty appointments, student petitions, and other matters dealing with graduate studies. **Graduate program creation, merger, or deletion requires the approval of the Faculty [DTN1] Senate Curriculum Committee.** Matters dealing with academic policies and substantial changes in catalog are referred by the Graduate Council to the Council of Deans and Provost for approval before implementation.

The Graduate Council discussed the proposal and concluded the "March Resolution from Graduate Council Regarding Proposed Changes to Chapter 6.3 in The University of Alabama in Huntsville Faculty Handbook" already addressed and refuted this suggested change.

It was further noted that the Graduate School had moved to streamline the

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seen across the country. ACHE is also in the process of removing steps and making the approval processes faster. Also having shared governance with the Faculty

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Dr. Eric Fong expressed concern that he had not heard from any member of the Faculty Senate regarding this change and proposed that the Graduate Council reach out to their faculty senate representative for their college to find out the reasoning behind the unanimous decision. Dr. Fong said he could provide a draft letter to be sent to the faculty senate members. Dr. Phillip Ligrani and Dr. M