

In Attendance: LaRhessa Johnson, Mark Zoran, Leonard Bright, Robert Hetland, Kirsten Pullen, Beverly Irby, Marisa Biondi, Annie McGowan, Leslie Feigenbaum, Jeff Hatala, Sandra Williams, Jane Welsh, Nicole Kinslow, Larry Bellinger

**1. Discussion Items:**

*The following discussion items were discussed by the February 2016 Graduate Council:*

- a. Faculty Senate Feedback
  - i. Requests will be tabled if letters of support are not adequate. Emailed letters of support is acceptable.
  - ii. The minimum requirements are not being addressed.
    1. Create checklist to ensure requirements are not missed.
    2. Once COM is launched, many issues should be resolved.
    3. Certain standards for syllabi should be added (i.e. grading scale).
- b. E-voting Issues/Options
  - i. *Issue-* During E-votes, less than 50% of members are sending approvals/comments.
  - ii. *Voted and Passed-* E-votes will be done via consent agenda when necessary.
- c. Comments/Amendments Spreadsheets
- d. Consent Agenda
- e. Informational Items Protocol
  - i. The Graduate Council is charged to make suggestions to bring courses up to minimum university standards.

**2. New Course Requests:**

*The following new course requests were approved by the February 2016 Graduate Council:*

- a. FINC 662 Energy Finance (*Tabled from January 2016 Meeting*)
- b. KINE 630 Periodized Models
- c. MEEN 611 Advanced Internal Combustion Engines (*Tabled from January 2016 Meeting*)

*The following new course requests were tabled by the February 2016 Graduate Council:*

- a. ANSC 651 Current Issues in Animal Agriculture

**3. Special Consideration Items**

*The following special consideration items were approved by the February 2016 Graduate Council:*

- a. Veterinary Pathobiology – Elimination of Doctor of Philosophy degree
- b. Texas A&M University – Law School – Master of Jurisprudence – New Graduate Program Proposal (*Tabled from January 2016 Meeting*)
- c. Texas A&M University – Law School – Master of Laws – New Graduate Program Proposal (*Tabled from January 2016 Meeting*)

*The following special consideration items were tabled by the February 2016 Graduate Council:*

- d. Texas A&M Health Science Center – Certificate in Healthcare Forensic- New Graduate Program Proposal (*Tabled from January 2016 Meeting*)

4. **Returned Items**

*The following items were returned from Faculty Senate, pending letters of support:*

- a. ATMO 634 Fundamentals of High Performance Computing for the Geosciences
- b. GEOP 634 Fundamentals of High Performance Computing for the Geosciences
- c. OCNG 634 Fundamentals of High Performance Computing for the Geosciences