

Minutes of the Graduate Council
March 24 2023

Members in Attendance:

Ali Beskok, Alan Itkin, Elfi Kraka, Anna Lovar, Renee McDonald, Brian Molanphy, Volkan Otugen,
Anthony Petrosino, Robin Poston, Dinesh Rajar, Gretchen Smith

Members Not in Attendance:

Kate Carté, Akihito Kamata, Alexandra E. Pavlakis

Business:

- x DPRs for Graduate Programs: Joe Papari, Director of Enrollment Services for Student Systems and Technology in the University Registrar's Office, explained that federal financial aid and other regulations require Universities to be able to demonstrate that courses students are taking are counting towards their degrees. For this reason, the Registrar's office is developing Degree Progress Reports (DPRs), which are a means of demonstrating this, for all SMU graduate programs (they exist for undergraduate majors and minors already). Mr. Papari demonstrated the DPRs that had been developed for one graduate program, the Master of Applied Statistics and Data Analytics program in Dedman. Approval of the minutes of the February 10 meetings was moved, seconded, and carried. Prof. Molanphy requested that Council members be invited to provide comments on the minutes in advance of the vote, and Drs. Poston and Itkin confirmed that the Council members will be able to comment on the minutes in Box.
- x Graduate Appeals Policy: Dr. Poston reviewed the Graduate Grade Appeal Policy that had been developed by members of the Graduate Council with input from many st9.3 (e)73 (t)4 <M1 -45 -6 wi99 (9.3 the best committee to review similar proposals on behalf of the Faculty Senate. Dr. McDonald recommended sharing the proposal with department chairs and other university stakeholders to make sure that everyone who needs to know about the coming change is informed. Prof. Molanphy recommended that the final version be clearly marked to make sure there is no confusion. Dr. Poston called for a motion to approve the policy. Approval of the graduate appeals policy was moved, seconded, and carried by a unanimous vote of all Council members present.

- x Provost R1 Investments Dr. Poston discussed the proposals for funding for doctoral students and postdocs that had been shared with the Provost (slides 67). \$800,000 has been set aside for

Meeting Agenda

1. DPRs for Graduate Programs (visit from Bobby Lothringer and Joe Papari)
2. Minutes of the February 10 Meeting
3. Provost R1 Investments (Doctoral Students and Postdocs)
4. Graduate Appeals Policy
5. Moody School Fellowship Offers
6. PhD Health Insurance Program
7. English Proficiency Requirement
8. Graduate Honor Council
9. Outstanding Graduate Student Instruction Awards
10. Moody Hall Glass Pillars
11. Moody Faculty Fellowships
12. Other Items

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Provost R1 Investments



Proposals for additional postdoctoral scholar support for the Road to R1

Funding Initiative	Description	# of Postdoc Positions	Amount Proposed
Provost's Science & Engineering Postdoctoral Fellowship Program	Provost's Science & Engineering Postdoctoral Fellowships are intended to support postdoctoral candidates in Science and Engineering fields as measured by the ACE Carnegie Foundation. They are intended to expand the pool of funding for science and engineering research programs and to increase the number of science and engineering postdocs on the SMU campus, with special consideration for their being employed at SMU in the ACE Carnegie R1 year of record.	12	\$840,000
Provost's Science & Engineering Research Grant Enhancement Awards	Provost's Science & Engineering Research Grant Enhancement Awards are intended to reward research productive faculty who secure new external funding and support postdoctoral candidates in science and engineering fields as measured by the ACE Carnegie Foundation. They are intended to expand the pool of funding for science and engineering research programs and to increase the number of science and engineering postdocs on the SMU campus, with special consideration for their being employed at SMU in the ACE Carnegie R1 year of record.		

Graduate Appeals Policy

- » The graduate grade appeal policy has been revised based on input received from the Graduate Council, Provost Lobo, the Faculty Senate, school deans, and others.
- » A revised draft of the policy is available for the Graduate Council's vote:
<https://smu.box.com/s/q6hg2kioo0q8ya14q3jr4tvsjua7dbu1>
- » If the Council approves the policy, it will go to the Education Programs Committee (EPC) for approval.

PhD Health Insurance Program



PhDHealth Insurance Department Spreadsheet

Ph.D. Health Insurance Department Spreadsheet									
Dept./Program: <input type="text"/> Year and semester <input type="text"/>									
Please return this spreadsheet at least one week in advance of the health insurance enrollment deadline to Alan Itkin (aitkin@smu.edu) and Kerri Bennett (kerrit@smu.edu)									
First Name	Last Name	Student ID	Enrolling for term (Y/N)?	Within 5 years in program (Y/N)?	Fully supported by SMU assistantship or fellowship (Y/N)?	In good standing (Y/N)?	Needs insurance (Y/N)?	<--- If no to any: Petition submitted (Y/N)?	Notes

English Proficiency Requirement

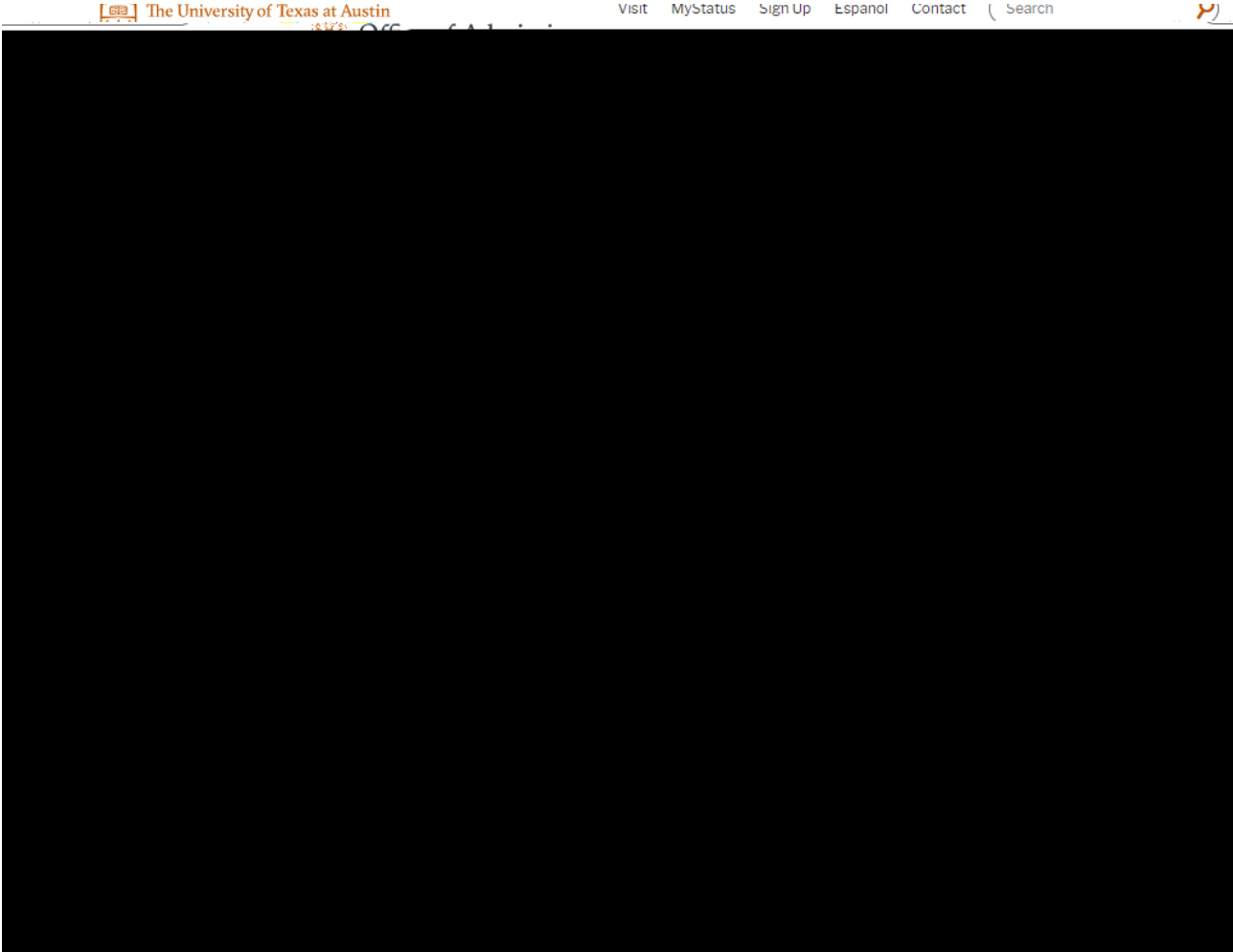


Current policy (varies slightly from school to school):

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English Proficiency Requirement

UT Austin Policy:









Moody Faculty Fellowships

- » We are planning to have our first class of Faculty Fellows in 2024-2025.
- » This is one of the programs proposed to the Moody Foundation in the gift agreement
- » Moody Faculty Fellowships “will support outstanding faculty, including visiting faculty, and reward and encourage mentoring of graduate students and the conduct of research.”
- » They are also intended to contribute to strategic goals, such as increasing conferrals of doctorates to support the Road to R1 and the Strategic Plan.
- » We need additional volunteers for a subcommittee on these fellowships, to help with selection criteria, nomination procedures, etc.

