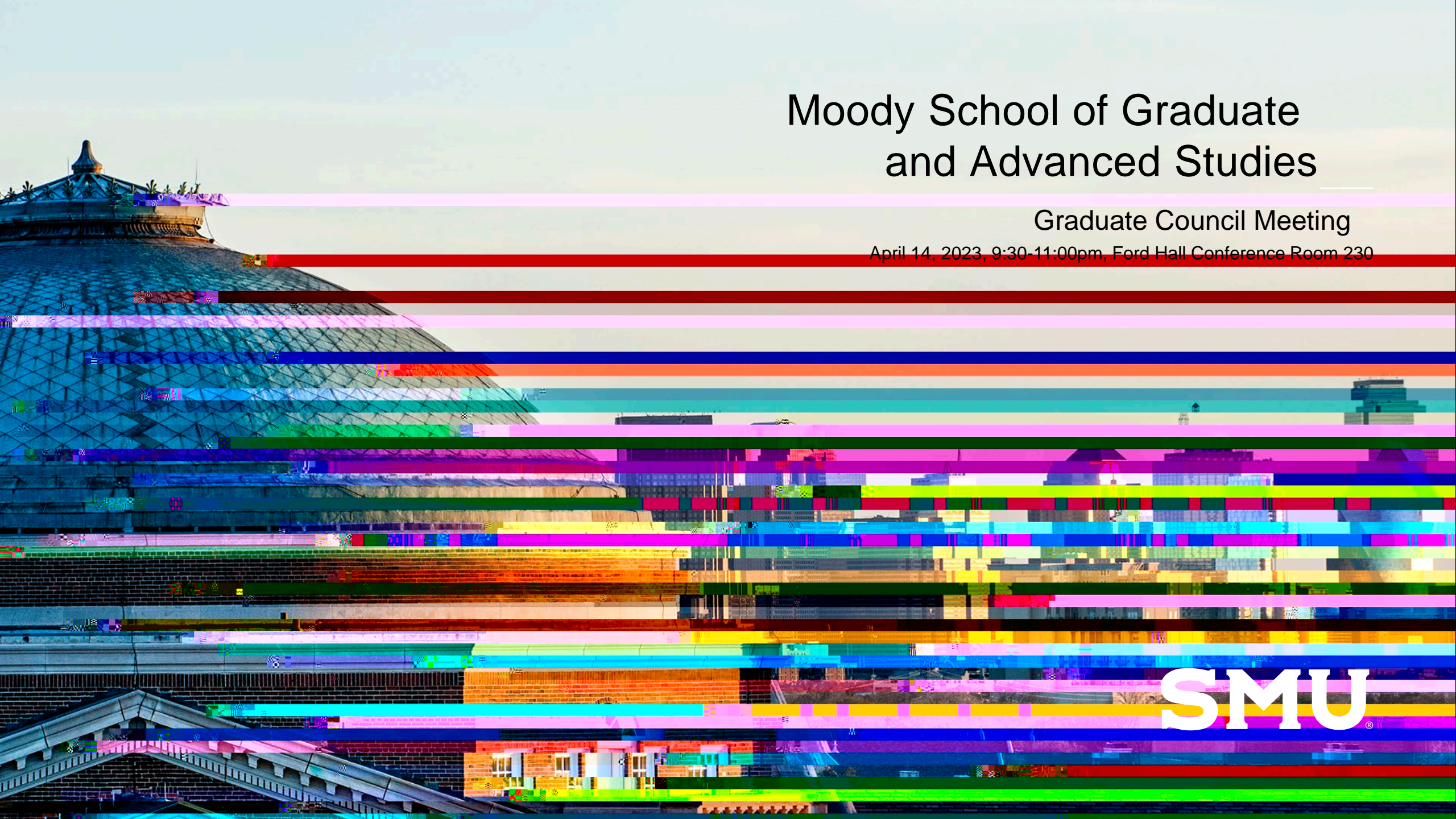


alleviate confusion that arises when awards are assigned late due to changes in RA or TA assignments. The Council discussed this. Dr. Itkin agreed to sit in meetings for department administrators in the different schools to discuss this change with them.

- x English Language Proficiency Requirement International graduate applicants are required to provide English language proficiency scores unless they have an undergraduate degree from a short list of English speaking countries. Dr. Itkin explained that there had been complaints about this list. He shared alternative approaches at Vanderbilt University and UT Austin (slide 17). Dr. Itkin shared proposed alternate language and an approach that would remove the list of countries from printed and online policies but retain it for automatic processing (slide 18). Dr. McDonald suggested that the proposed language could be simplified and that the checklist item in the Slate application system could clearly indicate the option of requesting a waiver. Drs. Rajan and Otugen suggested working with Claudia Sotomayor Hart in ISSS to make sure that this approach would work for them.
- x Moody Faculty Fellowships: Dr. Itkin described the goals agreed upon with the Moody Foundation for Moody Faculty Fellowships (slide 19). Funding for this initiative is included in the \$100 million gift from the Moody Foundation. Drs. Boston, Itkin, Petro. P20 -1.35rt86-0.0-3.3 (s)-4.3 (a)-3..7 (,7)6.3 (F)1.4 (

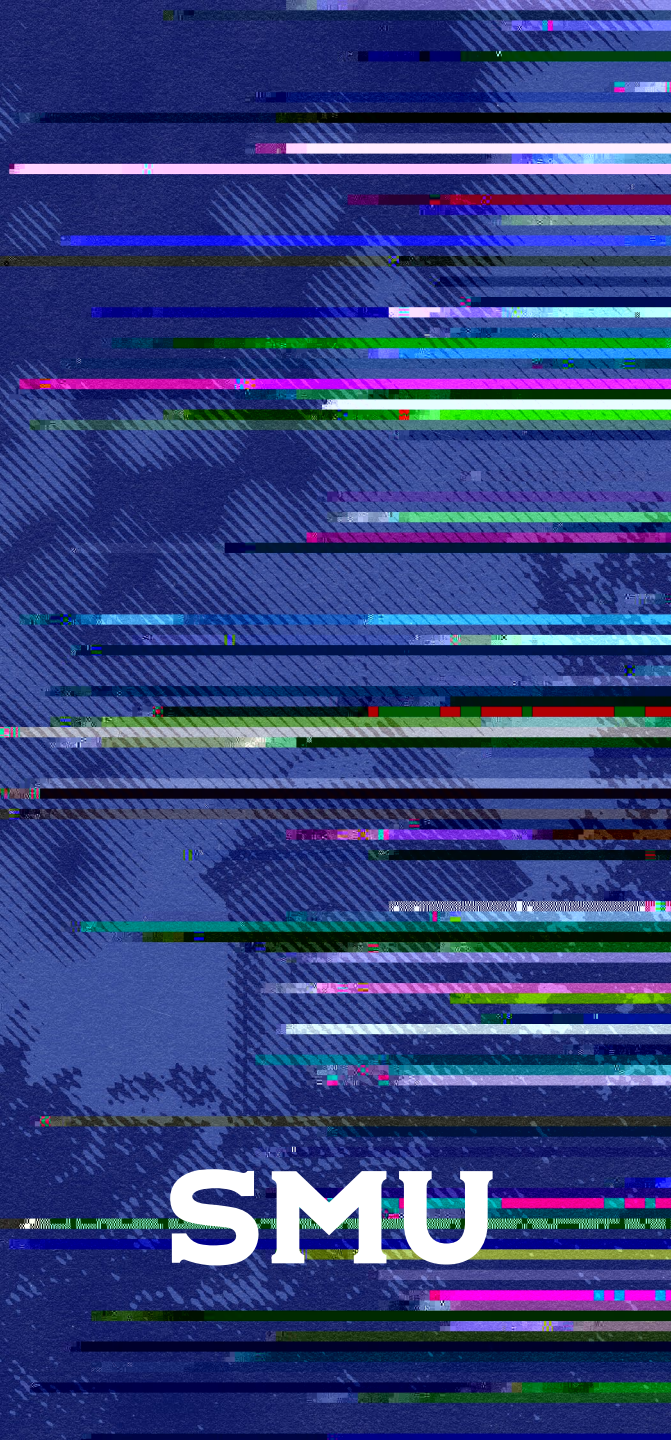


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PhD Health Insurance Program



PhD Health Insurance Award Program

» Advantages of the current process:

- » Moody School can ensure that only eligible students are awarded

» Disadvantage of the current process:

- » Multiple steps to assigning awards slows down awards
- » When students are left off lists, they often reach out to the Moody School or the Dr. Bob Smith Health Center, creating additional confirmation steps with departments
- » Collecting lists, reviewing them, following up with departments, assigning awards creates a significant work burden in the Moody School

PhD Health Insurance Award Program

Proposed new process:

- » Provide department administrators with the financial aid item type to assign awards
- » Allow department administrators to assign awards, as they currently assign other forms of aid (tuition scholarships, stipends, etc.) for their students
- » The Moody School will review petitions for students who do not meet eligibility criteria
- » After awards have been assigned, the Moody School will review and determine if any students were awarded who were not eligible
- » Schools will be charged the full amount for premiums for any students who were awarded even though they were not eligible

English Proficiency Requirement

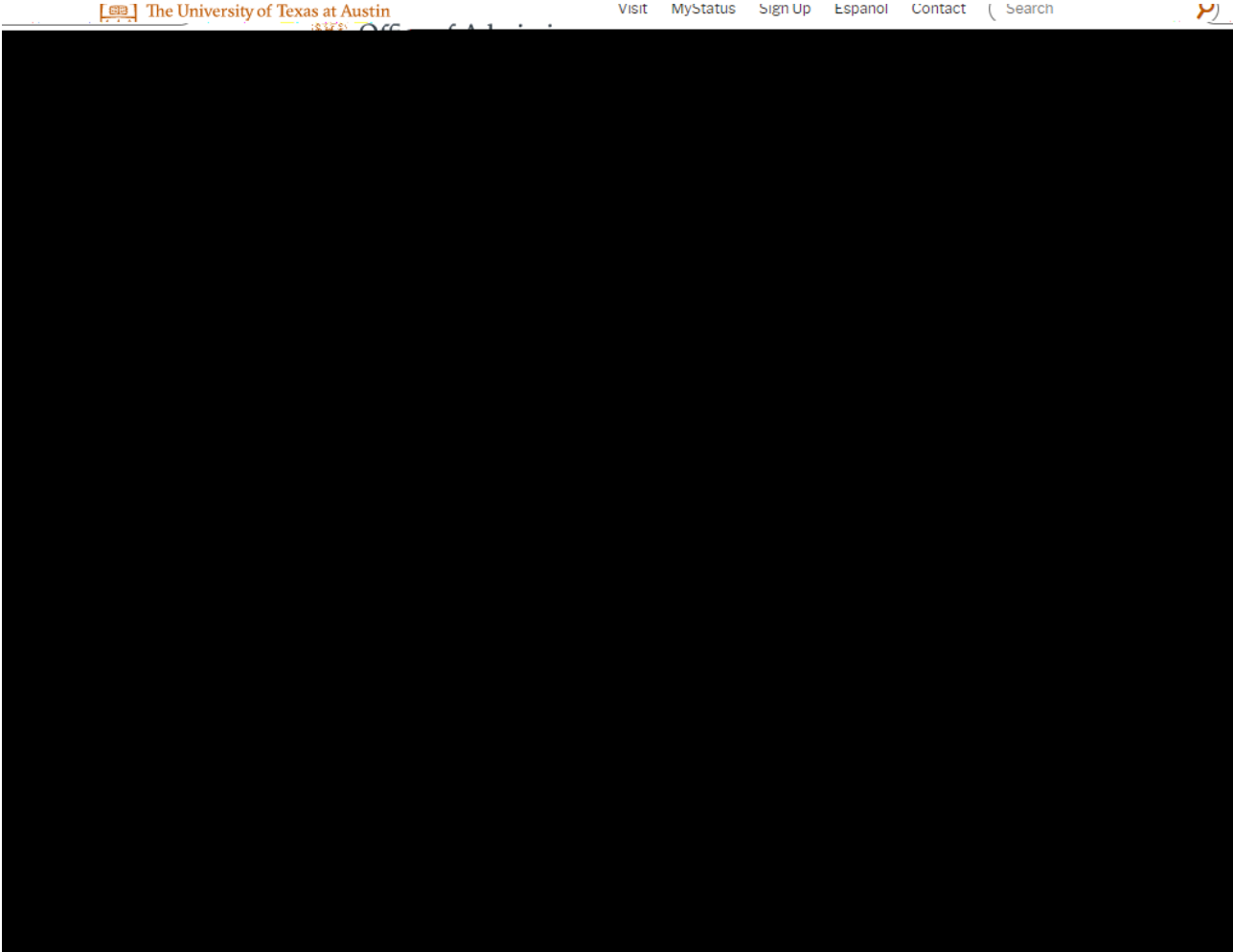


Current policy (varies slightly from school to school):

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English Proficiency Requirement

UT Austin Policy:



English Proficiency Requirement

» Proposed revised language:

- » We can waive the requirement for students with degrees from an internal country list
- » Other applicants will have an unmet checklist item in Slate for “Language Proficiency Exam,” if they have not submitted scores
- » When they click on that unmet checklist item, it will give them instructions for submitting a request for a waiver of the requirement
- » Schools that meet criteria for a waiver can be added to the automatic waiver list in Slate

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.
- » A subcommittee (Robin Poston, Alan Itkin, Ali Beskok, Anna Lovatt, Renee McDonald, Tony Petrosino) will meet soon to develop proposals for the Council’s review and vote

Developing New PhD Programs

- » The number of doctoral conferrals in the social sciences is a separate factor that counts towards an institution's Carnegie Classification
- » According to models run by Peter Moore, increasing the number of social science doctoral conferrals would help SMU advance significantly in the Carnegie rankings
- » Currently only two of SMU's doctoral programs are classified as social sciences
- » We are already increasing funding for our two social science doctoral programs (Anthropology PhD, Economics PhD)
- » Given that those two programs have limited capacity, it will be helpful to explore other ways to increase social science doctoral conferrals



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