

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2007

I. Call to order

Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the meeting of the **Graduate Council** at **2:20** on **April 20, 2007** in WHTC 126.

Roll call

Dr. Jeff Brown conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Trace Pirtle, Mohamed Ben-Ruwin, Louise Autio, Peter Haruna, Irma Lara, Jerry Thompson, Cecilia Garza, John Maxstadt, Tagi Sagafi-nejad.

In *absentia* were Willie Cargill, Juan Lira, Terry Shepherd, Laura Hovel, Tom Mitchell and Oscar Reyna.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

MOTION: Dr. Cecilia Garza moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 23 & the motion was seconded by Dr. Ben Ruwin & passed unanimously.

Amendment: Dr. Haruna made a friendly amendment to the motion to change the minutes from February 23 under the Sub Committee report section.

MOTION: Dr. Cecilia Garza moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 23 & the motion was seconded by Dr. Ben Ruwin & passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

A. Subcommittee Reports

- Graduate Academic Affairs Subcommittee (Cargill)
Dr. Maxstadt mentioned that the committee is still researching comprehensive exam procedures.
Dr. Sagafi explained that COBA has devised a new set of processes & procedures.
- Graduate Assistantship Oversight Subcommittee (Haruna)
- Publications Subcommittee (Thompson)
- Recruiting Subcommittee (Brown)

IV. New Business

A. COBA Graduate Faculty Applications

- Rolando Pena-Sanchez (Assoc./Masters)

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve Rolando Pena-Sanchez at the associate level. The motion was passed.

- Leonel Prieto (Full/Doctoral)

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve Leonel Prieto at the full doctoral level. The motion was passed.

- Andres Rivas (Full/Doctoral)

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to conditionally approve Andres Rivas at the full doctoral level for 1 year, with the provision that he publishes more. The motion passed.

B. COED Graduate Faculty Applications

- Emma Garza (Full/Doctoral)

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to reject Emma Garza at the full/doctoral level. The motion was passed.

- Carlo Walker (Assoc./Masters)

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve Carlo Walker at the associate level. The motion was passed.

C. COAS Graduate Faculty Applications

- Jeff Brown (Full/Doctoral)

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve Jeff Brown at the full/doctoral level. The motion was passed unanimously.

V. End of Term

Dr.'s Autio, Cargill, Haruna, Lira, Shepherd and Mr. Maxstadt

VI. Other Business

GRE admissions

There was a discussion between the council members regarding eliminating the GRE requirement for the MPA program. A suggestion was made by Dr. Ben-Ruwin that all requests should be proposed in writing.

Adjournment

Dr. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:30.

Minutes submitted by: Dr. Jeff Brown & Suzanne Alford

Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council.