

**Graduate Council
Meeting Minutes**

September 18, 2009

I. **Call to Order**

Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the meeting of the **Graduate Council** at **11:10** on **September 18** in **WTHC 224** and welcomed new members: Mehnaaz Momen (COAS), John Kilburn (COAS), Alfredo Ramirez (COED), Juan Hinojosa (at large; Faculty Senate).

Roll Call

Dr. Jeff Brown conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Haibo Wang, Louise Autio, Neal McReynolds, Rogelio Hinojosa, Mehnaaz Momen, Whitney Bischoff, Tagi Sagafi-nejad, Randel Brown, Faridoun Farrokh, Alfredo Ramirez, J. H. Hinojosa.

In *absentia* were Robert Haynes, Bill Gruben, and Oscar Reyna.

II. **Approval of minutes from last meeting**

MOTION: Dr. R. Brown moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 16 and Dr. Wang seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. **Old Business**

A. *Graduate Program Review*

MOTION: Dr. Momen moved to approve Graduate Program Review Guide. The motion was passed.

Amendment: Dr. McReynolds made a friendly amendment that the Graduate Program Review include all graduate ethnicity demographics of enrolled students listed at the undergraduate level.

B. *University-Wide Thesis Manual – Addition of Dissertation*

This item was tabled.

C. *University-Wide Graduate Handbook (Handout)*

Dr. McReynolds objects to voting on non-voting members. Would thesis committee, comprehensive exam committee or both be necessary? Should it be reported to Graduate Council to sign thesis and fill out forms?

IV. **New Business**

A. *Graduate Faculty Applications*

i. *Full*

- **Pablo Arenaz**
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Full level. This motion was passed.

- **Abhijit Patwardhan (SSB)**
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Full level. This motion was passed.

- **George Clark (SSB)**
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Full level. This motion was passed unanimously.

- **Anand Jha (SSB)**
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Full level. This motion was passed.

- **Manuel Broncano-Rodriguez (COAS)**
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Full level. This motion was passed unanimously.

- **David Milovich (COAS)**
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Full level. This motion was passed.

- **Britton Wilson (COAS) [missing CV]**
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to table this item until information on file is complete. This motion was passed unanimously.

- **Lynn Hemmer (COED)**
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Full level. This motion was passed.
- **Regina Aune (CNHS)**
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Full level. This motion was passed unanimously.

ii. External

- **Herbert Molina (SSB)**
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the External level. The motion was withdrawn and seconded. It was moved and seconded to change his status to Temporary. This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Lloyd Sage (SSB)**
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the External level. This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Pigi Vlagopoulos (COAS)**
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the External level. This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Robert Evans (SSB)**
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at Temporary status. This motion was passed unanimously.

B. Announcements

- i. Dr. Jeff Brown announced upcoming OGSR Open House, Sept. 24th 6-8pm.
- ii. Dr. Jeff Brown announced upcoming TAMUS Pathways Student Research Symposium – Nov. 13th & 14th.

C. New Scholastic Deficiency policy

It was determined that a student who drops out of program cannot retake courses for another five (5) years.

- D. Bologna Three-Year Bachelor's Degrees (Handouts)
Item was not discussed due to lack of time.*
- E. Policy regarding the maximum number of assistantship hours
Item was not discussed due to lack of time.*
- F. New dissertation format (Bill Gruben)
Item was not discussed due to lack of time.*
- G. GMAT Formula [need a proposal from SSB]
Item was not discussed due to lack of time.*
- H. Plagiarism on Thesis and Dissertations
Item was not discussed due to lack of time.*
- I. Suggestions for student representative
Item was not discussed due to lack of time.*

Adjournment

Dr. Randel Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:30.

Minutes submitted by: Dr. Jeff Brown and Suzanne Alford.

Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council.