

*Graduate Council  
Meeting Minutes*

February 8, 2013

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the meeting of the Graduate Council at 1 p.m. on February 8, 2013, WHTC 224.

**Roll Call**

The following persons were present: Louise Autio, Anna Cieslicka, Rogelio Hinojosa, John Kilburn, James Norris, Lynne Manganaro, Collins Okafor, Abhijit Patwardhan, and Leonel Prieto.

In *absentia* were John Dean, Randel Brown, Ken Tobin, Patricia Uribe, Whitney Bischoff, Brendan Townsend, and Oscar Reyna.

**Approval of minutes from last meeting**

**Motion:** Dr. John Kilburn moved to approve the meeting minutes from November 30, 2012 and Dr. Lynne Manganaro seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**II. Old Business**

**A. *C's in the Ph.D. Program***  
Proposal from Ph.D. Program

**III. New Business**

**A. *Graduate Faculty Applications***

a. Full (5 year)

i. **Keri Norman (COAS)**

**Motion:** It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Full level. This motion was passed unanimously.

ii. **Alia Paroo (COAS)**

**Motion:** It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Full level. This motion was passed unanimously.

b. No external applications

**B. *Psychology Awards for Psychology Master's Students***

Dr. Roberto Heredia proposed two awards for graduate PSYC students, to be awarded annually:

- The Carl Rogers Client-Centered Therapy Award
- The Wilhelm M. Wundt Graduate Student Research Award

**Motion:** Dr. John Kilburn moved to approve, and it was seconded by Dr. Lynne Manganaro. This motion was passed unanimously.

**C. *Thesis Manual Revisions***

Dr. Jeff Brown introduced the new Thesis/Dissertation manual and the electronic thesis and dissertation electronic system (ETD). He also briefly reviewed the formatting and binding procedures.

**Motion:** Dr. Anna Cieslicka moved to approve the motion, and Dr. Lynne Manganaro seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

**D. *Graduate Enrollment Presentation***

Dr. Jeff Brown provided the Graduate Council members with graduate enrollment data from 2006-2012 by college, program, and major, including factors associated with the overall enrollment decline.

**E. *Graduate Acceptance Rate Presentation***

Dr. Jeff Brown presented acceptance rate data for graduate programs by college and major. The data reflected rates from catalog year 2007-2008 through 2011-2012.

**F. *GRE Presentation***

Dr. Jeff Brown presented information about other institutions in Texas and the GRE requirements of the graduate programs at those institutions.

**G. *Discussion to Eliminate GRE Requirement***

TAMIU graduate programs that have eliminated the GRE requirement were discussed, including whether other graduate programs want to follow suit. The GRE as a tool for success, a measure of quality, and a major factor for admission was discussed as well. Dr. Jeff Brown proposed procedures for review and admission without the GRE.

**Adjournment**

Motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Isabel Contreras and Dr. Jeff Brown.

Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council.