

*Graduate Council
Meeting Minutes*

April 11, 2014

I. Call to Order

Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the meeting of the Graduate Council at 3:39 p.m. on April 11, 2014, WHTC 224.

Roll Call

The following persons were present: Whitney Bischoff, Lynne Manganaro, John Dean, Anna Cieslicka, James Norris, Alfredo Ramirez, Rodney Webb, Kenneth Tobin, Abhijit Patwardhan, Patricia Uribe, John Kilburn, Marivic Torregosa, Juan Garcia, Jr., and Collins Okafor.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion: Dr. Whitney Bischoff moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 21, 2014. The motion was passed unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. Scholarship Review/Evaluation Requirements

More discussion about TAMU-Corpus Christi audit. The newly-formed scholarship committee will include one representative from each of the colleges with Dr. Manganaro as chair.

III. New Business

A. Graduate Faculty Applications

a. Full

i. Katie Lewis (COED)

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at Full Level. This motions was passed unanimously.

B. Theses/Dissertations

Discussion continued from the previous GC meeting about recurring proofreading issues made by students and not corrected by the faculty. Dr. Brown secured one more reader to assist. The Writing Center staff, however, cannot help proofread because the thesis/dissertation deadline occurs during the center's peak time.

C. *In absentia registration*

Further discussion about allowing students who don't finish theses/dissertations within their last semester to "register in absentia" the following term and pay only \$200. Debate arose about whether students should have one or more semesters to complete the thesis or dissertation. The new policy was discussed: *If a student completes all degree requirements but misses the deadline for acceptance of the thesis or dissertation, then he or she may register in absentia, the following term, and only pay a fee of \$200.*

Motion: Dr. Norris moved to change "term" to "full semester" in the new policy, and Dr. Manganaro seconded.

This motion was passed unanimously.

D. *Miscellaneous*

Discussion about international ABD students, as well as those who don't complete the thesis in the last semester of study. Should they be required to enroll full-time (9 semester credit hours) to satisfy visa requirements even if they have finished all coursework the semester prior? Do other institutions require students to enroll in 9 SCH to be considered full-time? Mr. Okafor will research other institutions' policies and report back to GC.

Adjournment

Dr. Lynne Manganaro moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Isabel Contreras and Dr. Jeff Brown.

Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council.