

*Graduate Council
Meeting Minutes*

September 19, 2014

I. Call to Order

Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the meeting of the Graduate Council at 3:35 p.m. on September 19, 2014, WHTC 224.

Roll Call

The following persons were present: Whitney Bischoff, Lynne Manganaro, John Dean, Anna Cieslicka, Jim Norris, Alfredo Ramirez, Marivic Torregosa, Kimber Palmer, Michael Kidd, Paul Niemeyer, Kyung-Shin Park, Brendan Townsend, Maria Flores, Leonel Prieto, Karla Gutierrez, and Patrick Palacios.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion: Dr. Manganaro moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 11, 2014. The motion was passed unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. *Scholarship Review/Evaluation Requirements*

Dr. Manganaro provided a brief update and will provide more information later. Dr. Brown has stated that there should be set criteria for reviewing and evaluating.

III. New Business

A. *Graduate Faculty Applications*

a. New Approval Process

Motion: Dr. Norris moved to automatically approve any Graduate Faculty applicant who completed the Ph.D. or Ed.D. in the last four years, and Dr. Dean seconded.

This motion was passed unanimously.

b. Full

i. Maria Flores (COAS)

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

ii. Maria de Lourdes Vilorio (COED)

No motion. She was automatically approved at Full Level based on newly established four-year rule.

iii. Thant Syn (SSB)

- Motion:** It was moved and seconded to approve him at Full Level. This motion was passed unanimously.
- iv. Yusun Jung (SSB)
No motion. She was automatically approved at Full Level based on newly established four-year rule.
- v. Whitney Bischoff (CONHS)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at Full Level. This motion was passed unanimously.
- vi. Manuel Broncano (COAS)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at Full Level. This motion was passed unanimously.
- vii. Julio Lujano (CONHS)
No motion. He was automatically approved at Full Level based on newly established four-year rule.
- viii. Wendy Donnell (CONHS)
No motion. She was automatically approved at Full Level based on newly established four-year rule.
- ix. Jose Lozano (COAS)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at Full Level. This motion was passed unanimously.
- x. David Makin (COAS)
No motion. He was automatically approved at Full Level based on newly established four-year rule.
- xi. Tim Dolan (COAS)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at Full Level. This motion was passed unanimously.
- xii. Sara Castro-Olivo (COAS)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at Full Level. This motion was passed unanimously.
- xiii. Elizabeth Terrazas-Carrillo (COAS)
No motion. She was automatically approved at Full Level based on newly established four-year rule.
- xiv. Weam Al-Tameemi (COAS)
No motion. She was automatically approved at Full Level based on newly established four-year rule.
- xv. Anna Cieslicka (COAS)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at Full Level.

This motion was passed unanimously.

- xvi. Monica Munoz (COAS)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at Full Level.
This motion was passed unanimously.
- xvii. Karyn Miller (COED)
No motion. She was automatically approved at Full Level based on newly established four-year rule.
- xviii. Lynne Manganaro (COAS)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at Full Level.
This motion was passed unanimously.
- xix. Aaron Olivas (COAS)
No motion. He was automatically approved at Full Level based on newly established four-year rule.
- xx. Gilberto Salinas (COAS)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at Full Level.
This motion was passed unanimously.

B. BA/MA Degrees and SACS

Discussion about the SACS regulation requiring students in BA/MA and BS/MS programs to complete minimum of 120 undergraduate credit hours and 30 graduate credit hours, thereby not reducing the number of undergraduate courses as previously practiced. Based on this, should these combined programs continue or be phased out?
Motion: Dr. Palmer moved to table the discussion, and Dr. Townsend seconded.
This motion was passed unanimously.

C. Theses/Dissertations

Discussion about persistent thesis issues regarding grammar and formatting and how the quality of theses and dissertations can be improved before being submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies and Research.

D. Miscellaneous

Discussion about thesis courses and the number of semester credit hours required. Do they have to be three-credit courses? Formula funding will be impacted if number of credit hours is reduced.

Adjournment

Dr. Lynne Manganaro moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Isabel Contreras and Dr. Jeff Brown.
Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council.