

*Graduate Council
Meeting Minutes*

October 24, 2014

I. Call to Order

Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the meeting of the Graduate Council at 3:40 p.m. on October 24, 2014, WHTC 224.

Roll Call

The following persons were present: Jeff Brown, Whitney Bischoff, Jim Norris, Marivic Torregosa, Kimber Palmer, Michael Kidd, Paul Niemeyer, Kyung-Shin Park, Karla Gutierrez, and Rodney Webb.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion: Dr. Kidd moved to approve the meeting minutes from September 19, 2014. The motion was passed unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. Scholarship Review/Evaluation Requirements

Dr. Manganaro was not present so an update will be provided later.

B. BA/MA Degrees and SACS

Dr. Brown mentioned that Dr. Jose Lozano is working on an agreement with Tecnologico de Monterrey on a cross-institution BA/MA program. Also, due to confusion with BA/MA and SACS policy, SACS will be revisiting it.

III. New Business

A. Graduate Faculty Applications

a. System Graduate Faculty

i. Massimiliano (Max) Laddomada (A&M Texarkana)

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

b. Full

i. Robin Knowles (SSB)

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

ii. Cynthia Lloyd (SSB)

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

- iii. Heriberto Garcia (SSB)
No motion. He is on fixed term and therefore cannot apply for full graduate faculty standing.
- iv. Homero Aguiere-Milling (SSB)
No motion. He is on fixed term and therefore cannot apply for full graduate faculty standing.
- v. George Clarke (SSB)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at Full Level. This motion was passed unanimously.
- vi. Anand Jha (SSB)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at Full Level. This motion was passed unanimously.
- vii. Abhijit Patwardhan (SSB)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at Full Level. This motion was passed unanimously.
- viii. Stephen Benigno (COED)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at Full Level. This motion was passed unanimously.
- ix. Marcela Moran (COAS)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at Full Level. This motion was passed unanimously.
- x. Agustine Martinez-Samos (COAS)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at Full Level. This motion was passed unanimously.
- xi. Ken Tobin (COAS)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at Full Level. This motion was passed unanimously.
- xii. Fernando Quintana (COAS)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at Full Level. This motion was passed unanimously.
- xiii. Jacqueline Romano (COED)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at Full Level. This motion was passed unanimously.
- xiv. Ken Hung (SSB)
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at Full Level.

This motion was passed unanimously.

xv. Paul Niemeyer (COAS)

Motion: It was moved and seconded to table his application.
This motion was passed unanimously.

B. Making thesis course variable number of hours (i.e., 1-3 SCH)

There was no discussion on this topic so Dr. Brown will approach it at future meeting.

C. Thesis Manual

Motion: Remove “tenured or tenure track” requirement for thesis committee members so the new policy in manual reads “The committee should include at least four (4) faculty members who are members of the Graduate Faculty at Texas A&M International.”

Dr. Palmer moved to approve this motion and Dr. Norris seconded.

This motion was passed unanimously.

D. Change in MPA admission requirements

Motion: Approve new admission criteria for Master of Public Administration, including minimum GPA, work experience, statement of purpose, personal interview.

Dr. Norris moved to approve this motion and Dr. Kidd seconded.

This motion was passed unanimously.

E. Miscellaneous

Dr. Brown briefly discussed the new yield goals. Ideas for increase in enrollment are a GRE search service and international agents to recruit foreign students.

Adjournment

Dr. Jeff Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Isabel Contreras and Dr. Jeff Brown.

Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council.