

# **Graduate Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

March 8, 2017

### **I. Call to order**

Dr. Coronado called the meeting to order at 3:03 P.M. on March 8, 2017 at KL 420.

### **II. Roll call**

The following were present: Anna Cieslicka, Lorraine Dinkel, Karla Gutierrez, Peter Haruna, Sang-Chul Nam, Paul Niemeyer, James Norris, Kevin Park, Abhijit Patwardhan, Carmelina Gammon-Salinas, and Rodney Webb.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Motion: To approve the minutes for the last meeting by P. Niemeyer, second by A. Cieslicka.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote

Resolved: Minutes from the last meeting were approved without modification

### **IV. New business**

#### *a) Full/ Doctoral Member Application*

##### 1. Bernat, Frances - COAS

- i. Motion: To approve by J. Norris, seconded by K. Park
- ii. Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote
- iii. Resolve: F. Bernat approved unanimously

##### 2. Harper, Alexis - COAS

- i. Motion: To approve by P. Niemeyer, seconded by J. Norris
- ii. Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote
- iii. Resolve: A. Harper approved unanimously

##### 3. Jorgensen, Kameron – COAS

- i. Motion: To approve by J. Norris, seconded by P. Haruna
- ii. Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote
- iii. Resolve: K. Jorgensen approved unanimously

##### 4. Li, Wu-Lung - ARSSB

- i. Motion: To approve by P. Niemeyer, seconded by A. Cieslicka
- ii. Vote: Motion to carry by unanimous vote
- iii. Resolve: W. Li approved unanimously

5. Luo, Fei - COAS

- i. Motion: To approve by J. Norris, seconded by P. Haruna
- ii. Vote: Motion carried unanimous vote
- iii. Resolve: F. Luo approved unanimously

6. Pacheco Paredes, Angel - ARSSB

- i. Motion: To approve by P. Niemeyer, seconded by J. Norris
- ii. Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote
- iii. Resolve: A. Pacheco Paredes approved unanimously

7. Yin, Anwen - ARSSB

- i. Motion: To approve by J. Norris, seconded by A. Cieslicka
- ii. Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote
- iii. Resolve: A. Yin approved unanimously

*b) Comprehensive Exams*

- i. Response Time  
-There was a brief discussion on what would be a reasonable response time for student scores.
- ii. Format  
-There was a brief discussion about possibly moving toward homogenizing the format of all comprehensive exams. Additionally, it was announced that all information regarding the comprehensive exams should be included in the program's student handbook.

*c) Thesis Proposals*

- i. There was a brief discussion about whether the thesis proposal should be required for all programs. The idea that this should be a program-specific decision was what ended this discussion.

*d) Early Registration*

- i. It was announced that graduate students will now be eligible for early registration as of April 3, 2017. It was also discussed that the TAMIU Graduate School would be working to register all new students in at least two courses that will be recommended by graduate faculty advisors.

*e) Graduate School General Scholarship Fund*

- i. It was announced that the TAMIU Graduate School will be collecting funds to be used toward a general scholarship that will be awarded to graduate students.

*f) Revised Forms*

- i. Dr. Coronado went over all of the forms that have been updated on the TAMIU Graduate School webpage.

*g) Recruitment Efforts*

- i. Dr. Coronado provided enrollment data, Spring 2017 Open House data, and briefly discussed ongoing recruitment efforts.

**V. Adjournment**

- i. Motion: To adjourn meeting by J. Coronado, seconded by P. Haruna
- ii. Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote
- iii. Resolve: Meeting was adjourned at 3:51 P.M.