# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2018

### I. Call to order

Dr. Coronado called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M. on February 14, 2018 at KL 420.

## II. Roll call

The following were present: Anna Cieslicka, Diana Linn, Sang-Chul Nam, Monica Muñoz, Agustin Martinez-Samos, Carmelina Gammon-Salinas, Juan Garcia, and Rodney Webb.

### III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes for the last meeting (May 10, 2017) by D. Linn, seconded by A. Cieslicka. Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote Resolved: Minutes from the last meeting were approved

### IV. <u>New Business</u>

- a) Review the Ranked List of External Reviewers for History
  - i. Graduate Council members reviewed the Curriculum Vitae for Dr. Tamara Hunt and Dr. Lorri Glover, candidates to serve as external reviewers for History.
  - ii. Motion: To recommend Dr. Tamara Hunt serve as the external reviewer for History by D. Linn, seconded by R. Webb.
  - iii. Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.
  - iv. Resolve: Graduate Council recommended Dr. Tamara Hunt to serve as the external reviewer for History.

b) Review the Ranked List of External Reviewers for Political Science

- i. Graduate Council members reviewed Curriculum Vitae for Dr. Brent Cusher and Dr. Sean Madden, candidates to serve as external reviewers for Political Science.
- ii. Motion: To recommend Dr. Brent Cusher serve as the external reviewer for Political Science by A. Martinez-Samos, seconded by A. Cieslicka.
- iii. Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- iv. Resolve: Graduate Council recommended Dr. Brent Cusher to serve as the external reviewer for Political Science.

- c) Academic Standing
  - i. There was a brief discussion on if Graduate Academic Standing should be determined after the long terms (Fall, Spring, and Summer III) or after every sub-term.
  - ii. Motion: To revisit by R. Webb, seconded by S. Nam.
  - iii. Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote
  - iv. Resolve: R. Webb & S. Nam recommended sending graduate students warning letters at the end of a sub-term, allowing students to finish the long term. Graduate Council agreed to wait and recommended for Graduate School to consult with Academic Partnerships.
- d) Graduate Course Sequences
  - i. There was a brief discussion on COED recommending inclusion of graduate course sequences in the university catalog.
  - ii. Motion: To not include graduate course sequences in the university catalog by A. Martinez-Samos, seconded by J. Garcia.
  - iii. Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.
  - iv. Resolve: Recommendation to keep inclusion of graduate courses sequences as internal documents and NOT include in the university catalog.
- e) Academic Partnership
  - i. Dr. Coronado announced that she was selected to serve as the project manager for Academic Partnerships and the kick off meetings will be held at TAMIU Monday, February 19 and Tuesday, February 20.

## V. Questions

- *a) Graduate Course Extension:* 
  - i. C. Gammon-Salinas inquired on limitations of granting Graduate Course Extensions.
  - ii. Graduate Course Extensions are processed on a case by case basis.

#### b) Theses Number of Pages:

- i. A. Martinez-Samos inquired on the required number of pages on Theses.
- ii. Theses should be at least 65 to 80 pages long. Dr. Coronado will consult with different graduate programs for recommendations.

## VI. Adjournment

- i. Motion: To adjourn meeting by D. Linn, seconded by A. Martinez-Samos.
- ii. Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote
- iii. Resolve: Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.