

University Graduate Council

February 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Call to order

Dr. Coronado called the University Graduate Council meeting to order at 11:02 am on February 27, 2019 at KL 330.

Roll call

Present: Anna Ciesliska, Jennifer Coronado, Deepak Ganta, Juan J. Garcia Jr., Puneet Gill, Peter Haruna, Tonya Huber, Diana Linn, Agustin Martinez-Samos, Abhijit Patwardhan, Julian Pena, Rose Saldivar, Haibo Wang, Rodney Webb.

Absent: Monica Munoz, Ruby Ynalvez.

Approval of minutes from the last meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes for the last meeting (November 09, 2018) by D. Linn, seconded by A. Cieslicka.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote

Resolved: Minutes from the last meeting (November 09, 2018) were approved

New Business

I. Thesis Discussion- Dr. Claudia San Miguel and Dr. Marcus Ynalvez presented items to the University Graduate Council for discussion to address the College of Arts and Sciences Thesis concerns.

1. Set a due date for submitting the thesis proposal in Thesis I (XXXX 5398)
2. Develop a policy for the format of the thesis proposal defense and thesis defense, to be included in the Thesis and Dissertation Manual and graduate program handbooks.
3. Develop a policy for announcing the thesis defense, to be included in the Thesis and Dissertation Manual.
4. Set a maximum for the number of times a student may earn an "IP" for Thesis I, and for Thesis II. Add to course descriptions, the Thesis and Dissertation Manual, and graduate program handbooks.
5. Add verbiage to the Thesis and Dissertation Manual to clarify that the journal model is solely used for style and format in the writing and documentation of the thesis. It does not dictate length.
6. Develop a policy to define what merits a "CR", an "IP", or a "NC". Stress with faculty the importance of adhering to this policy.
7. Dr. Claudia San Miguel announced that the College of Arts and Sciences will hire a Special Program Aide to help Graduate School with initial revisions (TOC & References) and other items in the college.

II. Full/Doctoral Member Applications

Meardon, Stephen – ARSSB / Division of International Banking & Finance Studies

Graduate Council stated that if the Dean of the College reviewed and supported a faculty application for graduate faculty status, then the application should be fast-tracked and reviewed by the Dean of Graduate School to appoint qualified applicants. Same practice/process as External and Temporary Member applicants.

Motion: To approve by P. Haruna, seconded by T. Huber

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote

Resolved: Approved:

1. S. Meardon approved as Full/Doctoral Member and

2. Dean of Graduate School to review and appoint qualified Full/Doctoral applicants with College Dean recommendation.

III. Comments from Faculty Senate

Dr. Coronado presented Faculty Senate recommendations for the Graduate Faculty Categories and Requirements for Membership revisions from the last Graduate Council meeting (November 9, 2018).

Motion: After reviewing recommendations from Faculty Senate, motion made by P. Gill that Dr. Coronado will work on Faculty Senate recommendations/revisions and send to all Graduate Council members for an e-vote. Seconded by P. Haruna.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote

Resolve: After all recommendations and revisions are approved by Graduate Council members via e-vote, Graduate Faculty Categories and Requirements for Memberships will be final. E-vote resulted in 11 Graduate Faculty approving final revisions plus Ex-officio concurrence.

IV. Texas A&M International University

Dr. Coronado announced Texas A&M International University is hosting the 16th Annual Pathways Student Research Symposium this coming Fall 2019 on November 7-8, 2019.

Dr. Coronado will be putting together Committees to collaborate on organizing/planning the 16th Annual Pathways Student Research Symposium.

V. Graduate School Open House

Dr. Coronado announced and provided the Graduate Council with a flyer of the Graduate School Open House for Spring 2019 scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Zaffirini Student Success Center.

VI. Accelerated Online Program

Dr. Coronado provided the Graduate Council with accelerated online programs enrollment numbers.

VII. Spring Enrollment

Dr. Coronado provided the Graduate Council with Graduate School Spring 2019 enrollment headcount and SCH numbers.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn University Graduate Council meeting by R. Saldivar, seconded by H. Wang

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote

Resolved: University Graduate Council meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm.