

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2010

I. Call to order

Dr. Jeff Brown called the meeting to order at ~9:35 on March 26, 2010.

Roll call

The following persons were present:

Jeff Brown, Randel Brown, Lynne Manganaro, Shaun Sexton, Haibo Wang, Neal McReynolds, Rogelio Hinojosa, Faridoun Farrokh, William Gruben, Louise Autio

MOTION: Dr. Randel Brown proposed minutes from last URC meeting be approved with the correction Dr. Farrokh noted regarding John Dean being referred to as "her" instead of "him", Dr. Farrokh seconded and it passed unanimously.

IIA. University-wide Thesis Manual - Addition of Dissertation (pending action from SSB)

Still pending, needs to be brought up to SSB

IIB. Plagiarism on Thesis and Dissertations

Dr. Jeff Brown distributed a handout with the proposed addition to the thesis manual. Kingsville deals with this issue by having a copy of the printout of the Turnitin report, they do it for both proposal and thesis. TAMIU has a campus-wide license for Turnitin, need to talk with OIT about how to get it set up on a local computer or how to use it.

MOTION: Dr. Randel Brown proposed the addition be accepted, Dr. Autio seconded, motion passed.

IIIA. Graduate Faculty Applications

Neal McReynolds - for full

MOTION: Approval of full Graduate Faculty Application - passed

IIIB. Graduate Program review

Trying to see if possible to incorporate graduate program review with undergraduate review - Dr. Juan Lita, Mary Trevino, and Veronica.

Best way to do it by department or by program - aggregate by department could skew results

Current plan - external reviewer for graduate programs, unclear who will pay for that review, possibly the provost, not confirmed. Nursing and Business are the only departments on campus doing external reviews, although MPA is looking into it.

IIIC/D. Graduate Scholarship Committee and Graduate Program Review Committee

Scholarship Committee - need someone from COAS, no volunteers, so Dr. Jeff Brown to email full committee looking for a volunteer.

Program Committee - Dr. Gruben was volunteered and agreed to serve on the committee.

III.E. New dissertation format

Traditional dissertation has an introduction, 2-3 chapters on theory or empirical data and a conclusion. New optional dissertation format proposed where thesis will be several published or publishable journal papers, with an introduction and conclusion. Dr. Gruben will be meeting with the PhD dissertation committee to discuss this further.

IV. Miscellaneous news and questions

University Curriculum Committee has approved the "no course repetition" and "scholastic deficiency" rules. Dr. Jeff Brown working with Banner folks to make sure the rule can be enforced.

Sharepoint site - will it be active again? Used to be able to see who was going to be coming to TAMIU. Problem was that old files were getting stuck in the system and causing problems. Dr. Jeff Brown said that the old system is being cleaned out and that additional software is also being investigated.

Alex Martinez in the Testing Center - When the new building opens, is looking into giving the electronic GRE here in Laredo. GRE administration is in the process of changing the exam and their business model, so unlikely to commit to allow change in exam administration until that is resolved.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:27

Minutes submitted by: Dr. Jeff Brown and Celeste Kidd

Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council