Graduate Council
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2008

I. Call to order
   Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the meeting of the Graduate Council at 11:05 on September 19, 2008 in WHTC 224.

Roll call
Dr. Jeff Brown conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Louise Autio, Neal McReynolds, Robert W. Haynes, Haibo Wang, Trace Pirtle, Faridoun Farrokh, Tagi Sagafi-nejad, Randel Brown, Annette Olzen-Fazi, and Prasad.

In absentia were Rogelio Hinojosa, and Oscar Reyna.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting
   MOTION: Dr. Randel Brown moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 15 and the motion was seconded by Dr. Faridoun Farrokh & passed unanimously.

III. Old Business
   A. Graduate Academic Affairs Subcommittee (Faridoun Farrokh)
      i. Graduate Program Review
      ii. THECB 18 characteristics of Doctoral Programs

IV. New Business
   A. $3M LBV
      Dr. Brown provided a brief explanation of the recent donation and plans of how the monies will be used.
      a. Fellowships
         Dr. Brown handed out new fellowship applications to council members. It was suggested that the time requirement be included on the application.
      b. Graduate Student Travel
      c. Graduate Student Research Grants
      d. Student Conference – tie-in to TAMUS conference
      e. More Graduate Assistants

   B. Enrollment Report
      Dr. Brown presented a power point to the council explaining recent enrollment trends.
C. Graduate Faculty Applications

**MOTION:** In a vote of 8-0 in favor (with one abstention), the Graduate Council recommends the following modifications to the Graduate Faculty rules and process:

- Final appointments made by Dean of Graduate Studies & Research, as opposed to the Provost
- Discontinue the recommendation and acceptance of recommendation process.
- Discontinue the distinction between Associate/Master’s and Full/Doctoral Graduate Faculty status

**a. Full/Doctoral**

- **Whitney Bichoff (CSON)**
  **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Doctoral level. The motion was denied.
  **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Associate level. The motion was passed unanimously.

- **Thomas Vaughan (COAS)**
  **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Doctoral level. The motion was passed unanimously.

- **Fethi Belkhouche (COAS)**
  **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Doctoral level. The motion was passed.

- **Neela Emanuel (COAS)**
  **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Doctoral level. The motion was denied.
  **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Associate level. The motion was passed.

- **Judith Sage (SSB)**
  **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Doctoral level. The motion was passed.

- **George Potter (COED)**
  **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Doctoral level. The motion was passed.

**b. Associate/Masters**

- **Dan Mott (COAS)**
  **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Associate level. The motion was passed unanimously.

- **Fernando Quintana (COAS)**
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Associate level. The motion was passed unanimously.

- Ken Tobin (COAS)
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Associate level. The motion was passed unanimously.

Adjournment
Dr. Autio moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:25.
Minutes submitted by: Dr. Jeff Brown & Suzanne Alford
Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council.