Graduate Council
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2012

I. Call to Order

Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the meeting of the Graduate Council at 9:18 a.m. on January 27, 2012 WHTC 224.

Roll Call

The following persons were present: Whitney Bischoff, Ken Tobin, Neal McReynolds, Louise Autio, John Dean, Roberto Heredia, William C. Gruben, Brendan Townsend, Andrea Beattie and Patricia Uribe.

In absentia were Randel Brown, Claudia San Miguel, Rogelio Hinojosa, Abhijit Patwardhan, Andrea Beattie and Oscar Reyna.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion: Roberto Heredia moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 28, 2011 and Neal McReynolds seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

II. New Business

A. Graduate Faculty Applications

   a. Full
      i. Cristina Garrigos (COAS)
         Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Full level. This motion was passed unanimously.

      ii. Humberto Gonzalez (COED)
          Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Full level. This motion was passed.

B. C’s in Ph.D. Program

   Motion: It was moved and seconded to have the Ph.D. program devise a proposal to present to Graduate Council by next meeting. This motion was passed.

C. Graduate Assistantships

   a. Full-time (9SCH) requirement- waivers
Motion: It was moved and seconded to continue the current practice and permit waivers for 1 semester only if student is pending thesis/dissertation courses taking only courses needed for graduation and the document has been confirmed by the department.

D. New Admissions Formula using the new GRE scores.
There was no lengthy discussion on the topic, just the question of whether to keep it or not.

E. Modify Scholastic Deficiency (SD) appeals process – Include Department Output
Graduate Council members agreed to modify the policy.

F. Modify Course Repeat Rule to allow repeats via SD process
Motion: It was moved and seconded to amend the current rule to include/allow a student to re-take a class if prescribed in the admissions or SD process. The student would not be required to re-apply. This motion was passed.

G. Thesis/Dissertation
Topic was tabled.

H. Faculty Senate: Re-approval of Graduate Faculty Guidelines
Dr. Jeff Brown passed out a handout for review approval but Mr. Townsend was no longer present to represent faculty senate.

I. Re-balancing terms of appointment for Graduate Council representatives
Dr. Brown discussed that GC was not in compliance for the at-large position from different colleges. Dr. Kilburn is no longer holding this position and GC is waiting on Faculty Senate to have elections.

J. Graduate Faculty status for fixed-term appointments
Dr. Brown mentioned the current guidelines are framed around tenure track faculty.

K. TOEFL Exemption based on GRE Scores
Dr. Brown discussed TOEFL exemption based on GRE score policy needed to be revised.

Adjournment
Dr. Patricia Uribe moves to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m.
Minutes submitted by: Suzanne Alford and Jeff Brown.
Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council.