

Graduate Council

Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2010

I. **Call to Order**

Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the meeting of the **Graduate Council** at 10:45am on October 15, 2010 WHTC 224.

Roll Call

Dr. Jeff Brown conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: John Kilburn, Alfredo Ramirez Jr., Randel Brown, Shaun Sexton, Louise Autio, Neal McReynolds, Abhijit Patwardeen, Claudia San Miguel, Bill Gruben, Kenneth Tobin, William Riggs.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion: Dr. Randel Brown moved to approve the meeting minutes from September 10 and Dr. Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

II. **Old Business**

- A. *University-wide Thesis Manual-Addition of Dissertation*[pending action from SSB]
Dr. Brown briefed Graduate Faculty Council members.

III. **New Business**

- A. *Graduate Faculty Applications*

i. *Full*

• **David Milovich (COAS)**

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Full level.
This motion was passed unanimously.

• **Jerry Thompson(COAS)**

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Full level.
This motion was passed unanimously.

• **Mohammed Ben-Ruwin (COAS)**

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Full level.
This motion was passed unanimously.

• **Eduardo Chappa (COAS)**

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Full level.
This motion was passed.

- **Frances Bernat (COAS)**
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Full level.
This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Yu Chen (SSB)**
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Full level.
This motion was passed.
- **Ananda Mukherji (SSB)**
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Full level.
This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Jackie Mayfield (SSB)**
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Full level.
This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Milton Mayfield (SSB)**
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Full level.
This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Tagi Segafi-Nejad (SSB)**
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Full level.
This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Andres Rivas (SSB)**
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Full level.
This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Ned Kock (SSB)**
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Full level.
This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Xuesong Wang (COED)**
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Full level.
This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Sandra Garret (COED)**
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Full level.
This motion was passed.

ii. *External*

- **Kristen Standage (COAS)**

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the External level. This motion was passed unanimously.

B. *Increasing the required number of SCH for GA positions*

Traditional full time students enroll for 9 SCH. TAMU rules observe 6 SCH.

Motion: Dr. San Miguel moved to have students take 9 hrs for full-time status except those in smaller programs with certain circumstances (i.e., Biology). Exceptions need Graduate Dean's approval. This motion was passed unanimously.

C. *Length of time to keep an offer of provisional admissions active*

Purge student files after 1 year of no enrollment.

D. *Mechanisms to encourage more Theses*

The information will be sent out to Department Chairs then have Graduate Council members vote. Those choosing theses route may have comps waived at the Master's level.

E. *Requirement that every graduate student submit a degree plan*

Dr. Brown explained students should submit degree plan early in career. Dr. Brown will ask the Deans so that Graduate Council may move to a two-year plan for graduate programs. The individual department should keep the degree plans.

F. *Update University Graduate Handbook*

Graduate Council members approved to update the Graduate Handbook.

G. *Adjournment*

Dr. R Brown moves to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Dr. Jeff Brown and Suzanne Alford.

Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council.