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.
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. TAMIU 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.