Graduate Council
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2007

I. Call to order
Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the meeting of the Graduate Council at 2:20 on April 20, 2007 in WHTC 126.

Roll call
Dr. Jeff Brown conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Trace Pirtle, Mohamed Ben-Ruwin, Louise Autio, Peter Haruna, Irma Lara, Jerry Thompson, Cecilia Garza, John Maxstadt, Tagi Sagafi-nejad.

In absentia were Willie Cargill, Juan Lira, Terry Shepherd, Laura Hovel, Tom Mitchell and Oscar Reyna.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting
MOTION: Dr. Cecilia Garza moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 23 & the motion was seconded by Dr. Ben Ruwin & passed unanimously.
Amendment: Dr. Haruna made a friendly amendment to the motion to change the minutes from February 23 under the Sub Committee report section.

MOTION: Dr. Cecilia Garza moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 23 & the motion was seconded by Dr. Ben Ruwin & passed unanimously.

III. Old Business
A. Subcommittee Reports
   • Graduate Academic Affairs Subcommittee (Cargill)
     Dr. Maxstadt mentioned that the committee is still researching comprehensive exam procedures.
     Dr. Sagafi explained that COBA has devised a new set of processes & procedures.
   • Graduate Assistantship Oversight Subcommittee (Haruna)
   • Publications Subcommittee (Thompson)
   • Recruiting Subcommittee (Brown)

IV. New Business
A. COBA Graduate Faculty Applications
• Rolando Pena-Sanchez (Assoc./Masters)
**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve Rolando Pena-Sanchez at the associate level. The motion was passed.

• Leonel Prieto (Full/Doctoral)
**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve Leonel Prieto at the full doctoral level. The motion was passed.

• Andres Rivas (Full/Doctoral)
**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to conditionally approve Andres Rivas at the full doctoral level for 1 year, with the provision that he publishes more. The motion passed.

**B. COED Graduate Faculty Applications**
• Emma Garza (Full/Doctoral)
**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to reject Emma Garza at the full/doctoral level. The motion was passed.

• Carlo Walker (Assoc./Masters)
**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve Carlo Walker at the associate level. The motion was passed.

**C. COAS Graduate Faculty Applications**
• Jeff Brown (Full/Doctoral)
**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve Jeff Brown at the full/doctoral level. The motion was passed unanimously.

**V. End of Term**
*Dr.’s Autio, Cargill, Haruna, Lira, Shepherd and Mr. Maxstadt*

**VI. Other Business**
*GRE admissions*
There was a discussion between the council members regarding eliminating the GRE requirement for the MPA program. A suggestion was made by Dr. Ben-Ruwin that all requests should be proposed in writing.

**Adjournment**
Dr. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:30.

Minutes submitted by: Dr. Jeff Brown & Suzanne Alford

Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council.