Graduate Council
Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2008

I. Call to order
Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the meeting of the Graduate Council at 10:05 on January 25, 2008 in KL330.

Roll call
Dr. Jeff Brown conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Mohamed Ben-Ruwin, Louise Autio, Cecilia Garza, Laura Hovel, Irma Lara, Trace Pirtle, Faridoun Farrokh, Tagi Sagafi-nejad, Randel Brown, Tom Mitchell & Rogelio Hinojosa.

In absentia were Jerry Thompson, Fred Ivy, and Oscar Reyna.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting
MOTION: Dr. Randel Brown moved to approve the meeting minutes from November 9 and the motion was seconded by Dr. Ben Ruwin & passed unanimously.

III. Old Business
A. Comprehensive Exam Proposal (Tom Mitchell)
MOTION: Dr. Randel Brown moved to approve the comprehensive proposal within a time constraint of 1 month. The motion was seconded by Dr. Farrokh & passed unanimously.

Amendment: Dr. Sagafi made a friendly amendment that the Graduate Council intends to approve comprehensive policy and allow all stakeholders to counter or modify if a better idea is developed.

IV. New Business
A. Graduate Faculty
   i. Associate/Masters
      • Stephen Duffy (COAS)
      MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the associate level. The motion was passed unanimously.

      • Lynn Stamoulis (COED)
      MOTION: It was moved and seconded to decline her at the associate level. The motion was passed.
**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to remove names from future minutes & retroactively for faculty motions. The motion with amendments was passed unanimously.

**Amendment:** Dr. Sagafi made a friendly amendment to allow temporary status for no more than 3 years if faculty demonstrates evidence of satisfactory progress towards scholarly activity and works.

**Amendment:** Dr. Brown made a friendly amendment to have the above amendment apply only to tenure-track faculty or full-time employees.

ii. Full/Doctoral
- **Michael Grayson (COBA)**
  **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve him at the full/doctoral level. The motion was passed unanimously.

- **Jaime Ortiz (COBA)**
  **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve him at the full/doctoral level. The motion was passed unanimously.

- **Dr. Phu Hoang**
  **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to decline him at the full/doctoral level. The motion was passed.

  **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to accept him at the associate level. The motion was passed.

**B. Graduate Academic Affairs Subcommittee (Faridoun Farrokh)**
Dr. Farrokh explained to the committee that he has a draft regarding program review from the academic affairs subcommittee to be forwarded to the council members for their consideration.

**C. Graduate Assistantship Oversight Subcommittee**

**D. Formula for Admissions**
Dr. Jeff Brown expanded on last meetings discussion for implementation of an admissions formula and said he would like to re-surface this solely for admission purposes. He reiterated that those students above 1500 would be fully admitted, those between 1200-1500 would be probationary admitted, and those below 1200 would follow the current procedure.

**E. 4000-level courses for graduate credit**
Dr. Jeff Brown expanded on the topic by explaining how this affects graduate subvention; (i.e. undergraduate dollars - vs- graduate dollars).
Adjournment
Dr. Sagafi moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:28.
Minutes submitted by: Dr. Jeff Brown & Suzanne Alford
Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council.