

*Graduate Council
Meeting Minutes*

March 21, 2014

I. Call to Order

Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the meeting of the Graduate Council at 3:33 p.m. on March 21, 2014, WHTC 224.

Roll Call

The following persons were present: Whitney Bischoff, Leonel Prieto, Lynne Manganaro, John Dean, Anna Cieslicka, James Norris, Alfredo Ramirez, and Rodney Webb.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion: Dr. Lynne Manganaro moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 14, 2014. The motion was passed unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. *Update Faculty Handbook GF rules to account for clinical faculty*

Discussion about reinstating Associate Graduate Faculty status for those who don't meet Full Graduate Faculty-level requirements.

B. *Scholarship Review/Evaluation Requirements*

Discussion about TAMU-Corpus Christi audit. Questions arose about TAMIU scholarship review committee: Should Deans select committee members? How many members? Should Graduate Council representation include the elected or appointed members?

Motion: Dr. Manganaro moved to approve a scholarship committee that will include one Graduate Council representative.

Dr. Dean seconded.

This motion was passed unanimously.

III. New Business

A. *Graduate Faculty Applications*

All applications tabled.

B. *Theses/Dissertations*

Discussion about whether Graduate Advisory Committee should be held responsible for the quality of a thesis or dissertation. Also, it was discussed that hiring readers solely for theses and dissertations is not a viable solution since reader would work only four weeks a semester. It was also suggested that the Writing Center staff could possibly serve as readers.

C. *In absentia registration*

Discussion about allowing students who don't finish theses/dissertations within the semester to "register in absentia" the following semester and pay a nominal fee. There were questions regarding international students (on visas) who might not be able to register due to their requisite full-time status; Dr. Brown will research this.

D. *COED Admissions Criteria*

Dr. Brown discussed the criteria implemented by the College of Education to admit students into its graduate programs. He asked COAS council members to meet with the Dean and/or department chair to devise admissions criteria to facilitate the review of application files. Dr. Mitchell supports the idea, but there has been no outcome yet. Dr. Brown prefers the criteria to be set per department instead of per program.

E. *Miscellaneous*

No new updates on the next Pathways conference.

Dr. Brown reminded the council about the upcoming LBV Academic Conference.

Adjournment

Dr. Lynne Manganaro moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Isabel Contreras and Dr. Jeff Brown.

Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council.