Graduate Council  
Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2013

I. Call to Order

Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the meeting of the Graduate Council at 1 p.m. on February 8, 2013, WHTC 224.

Roll Call

The following persons were present: Louise Autio, Anna Cieslicka, Rogelio Hinojosa, John Kilburn, James Norris, Lynne Manganaro, Collins Okafor, Abhijit Patwardhan, and Leonel Prieto.

In absentia were John Dean, Randel Brown, Ken Tobin, Patricia Uribe, Whitney Bischoff, Brendan Townsend, and Oscar Reyna.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion: Dr. John Kilburn moved to approve the meeting minutes from November 30, 2012 and Dr. Lynne Manganaro seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. C's in the Ph.D. Program
Proposal from Ph.D. Program

III. New Business

A. Graduate Faculty Applications

a. Full (5 year)

i. Keri Norman (COAS)

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

ii. Alia Paroo (COAS)

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

b. No external applications

B. Psychology Awards for Psychology Master’s Students
Dr. Roberto Heredia proposed two awards for graduate PSYC students, to be awarded annually:

- The Carl Rogers Client-Centered Therapy Award
- The Wilhelm M. Wundt Graduate Student Research Award

**Motion:** Dr. John Kilburn moved to approve, and it was seconded by Dr. Lynne Manganaro. This motion was passed unanimously.

C. **Thesis Manual Revisions**
Dr. Jeff Brown introduced the new Thesis/Dissertation manual and the electronic thesis and dissertation electronic system (ETD). He also briefly reviewed the formatting and binding procedures.

**Motion:** Dr. Anna Cieslicka moved to approve the motion, and Dr. Lynne Manganaro seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

D. **Graduate Enrollment Presentation**
Dr. Jeff Brown provided the Graduate Council members with graduate enrollment data from 2006-2012 by college, program, and major, including factors associated with the overall enrollment decline.

E. **Graduate Acceptance Rate Presentation**
Dr. Jeff Brown presented acceptance rate data for graduate programs by college and major. The data reflected rates from catalog year 2007-2008 through 2011-2012.

F. **GRE Presentation**
Dr. Jeff Brown presented information about other institutions in Texas and the GRE requirements of the graduate programs at those institutions.

G. **Discussion to Eliminate GRE Requirement**
TAMIU graduate programs that have eliminated the GRE requirement were discussed, including whether other graduate programs want to follow suit. The GRE as a tool for success, a measure of quality, and a major factor for admission was discussed as well. Dr. Jeff Brown proposed procedures for review and admission without the GRE.

**Adjournment**

Motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Isabel Contreras and Dr. Jeff Brown.
Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council.