

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2008

I. Call to order

Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the meeting of the **Graduate Council** at **11:05** on **September 19, 2008** in **WHTC 224**.

Roll call

Dr. Jeff Brown conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Louise Autio, Neal McReynolds, Robert W. Haynes, Haibo Wang, Trace Pirtle, Faridoun Farrokh, Tagi Sagafi-nejad, Randel Brown, Annette Olzen-Fazi, and Prasad.

In *absentia* were Rogelio Hinojosa, and Oscar Reyna.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

MOTION: Dr. Randel Brown moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 15 and the motion was seconded by Dr. Faridoun Farrokh & passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

- A. *Graduate Academic Affairs Subcommittee (Faridoun Farrokh)*
 - i. Graduate Program Review
 - ii. THECB 18 characteristics of Doctoral Programs

IV. New Business

- A. \$3M LBV
 - Dr. Brown provided a brief explanation of the recent donation and plans of how the monies will be used.
 - a. Fellowships
 - Dr. Brown handed out new fellowship applications to council members. It was suggested that the time requirement be included on the application.
 - b. Graduate Student Travel
 - c. Graduate Student Research Grants
 - d. Student Conference – tie-in to TAMUS conference
 - e. More Graduate Assistants
- B. Enrollment Report
 - Dr. Brown presented a power point to the council explaining recent enrollment trends.

C. Graduate Faculty Applications

MOTION: In a vote of 8-0 in favor (with one abstention), the Graduate Council recommends the following modifications to the Graduate Faculty rules and process:

- a. Final appointments made by Dean of Graduate Studies & Research, as opposed to the Provost
- b. Discontinue the recommendation and acceptance of recommendation process.
- c. Discontinue the distinction between Associate/Master's and Full/Doctoral Graduate Faculty status

a. Full/Doctoral

- **Whitney Bichoff (CON)**

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Doctoral level. The motion was denied.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Associate level. The motion was passed unanimously.

- **Thomas Vaughan (CON)**

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Doctoral level. The motion was passed unanimously.

- **Fethi Belkhouche (CON)**

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Doctoral level. The motion was passed.

- **Neela Emanuel (CON)**

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Doctoral level. The motion was denied.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Associate level. The motion was passed.

- **Judith Sage (SSB)**

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Doctoral level. The motion was passed.

- **George Potter (CON)**

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Doctoral level. The motion was passed.

b. Associate/Masters

- **Dan Mott (CON)**

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Associate level. The motion was passed unanimously.

- **Fernando Quintana (CON)**

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Associate level.
The motion was passed unanimously.

- **Ken Tobin (COAS)**

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve him at the Associate level.
The motion was passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Dr. Autio moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:25.
Minutes submitted by: Dr. Jeff Brown & Suzanne Alford
Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council.

