

Graduate Council

Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2005

I. Call to order

Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the regular meeting of the **Graduate Council** at **1:15 on October 14, 2005** in **KL 330**.

II. Roll call

Dr. Jeff Brown conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Doris Rosenow, Tagi Sagafi-nejad, Juan Lira, Sean Chadwell, Louise Autio, Diana Gutierrez-Villarreal, Terry Shepherd, Roberto Heredia, Oscar Reyna, & John Maxstadt.

In *absentia* were Jerry Thompson, Peter Haruna, Trace Pirtle, & Willie Cargill.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Graduate Council members read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes from the April meeting & September 16 meeting were approved after several changes were made.

MOTION: Dr. Lira moved to accept the April minutes & motion was passed unanimously.

MOTION: Dr. Brown moved to accept minutes & motion was passed unanimously.

Graduate Council members read the OGSR mission statement & approved it after the following changes; first paragraph, Dr. Shepherd recommended using OGSR acronym rather than spelling out the office name, & Dr. Sagafi recommended changing the sentence in the first paragraph where it reads academic departments...to *free standing academic units in the...doctoral programs & other graduate programs*.

In the second paragraph, Dr. Heredia suggested changing the latter part of the sentence to read *biological sciences, social & behavioral sciences, ...care*. Dr. Rosenow recommended ending the sentence with *care & deleting professions*. Dr. Shepherd suggested removing sentence The graduate programs & beginning sentence with *In keeping with the university mission*. In the same paragraph Dr. Lira suggested adding the word *preparing* before *graduates*.

In the seventh paragraph, Dr. Chadwell asked to remove the word *customer* before service & Oscar suggested changing the word utilizing to facilitate or using.

MOTION: Dr. Shepherd moves to accept the revised OGSR Mission Statement, Mr. Maxstadt seconded the motion & motion was passed unanimously.

IV. Open issues

a) *Approve make-up and implementation of sub-committees*

- Graduate Faculty Membership Committee

Graduate council members discussed the whole group reviewing the 1st round of applicants then afterward constituting this committee. It was discussed that there would be 1 person from each college; half of these would be appointed & half of these elected with one member at-large.

- Graduate Academic Affairs Committee

MOTION: Dr. Lira moved to accept the sub-committees structure and membership & Dr. Shepherd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b) *Elimination of Research Track and the effects on Graduate Studies/Graduate Faculty*

Mr. Maxstadt discussed a proposal by the Faculty Senate committee for a 2 out of 5 year provision for the research track and a balance track as a default track suggested by Dr. Momayezi. He also mentioned the committee did not approve the provision for distinguished professor. Whereas, the committee supported faculty development leave (i.e. sabbaticals). This has not yet been approved by the Faculty Senate. Last, he mentioned a proposal for a 2-2 track for those conducting doctoral seminars for one year.

c) *Graduate Faculty*

Materials: Application, C.V., brief 1 page cover letter, & nomination letter.

Timeline: Next meeting. Currently, applications will be solicited from COBA faculty.

V. New business

a) Probationary vs. provisional acceptance

- Dr. Brown passed out a handout describing probationary & provisional admission.
- Dr. Lira made an amendment to modify these terminologies (provisional) so they are consistent with the catalog.
- Dr. Autio made an amendment that these terminologies (probationary) be used by the admissions committee. She also mentioned that this was not applicable to all programs.

MOTION: Mr. Maxstadt moved to pass motion to accept the use of both terminologies. Dr. Heredia seconded the motion & it was passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

Dr. Rosenow motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 & Dr. Shepherd seconded the motion; unanimously passed.

Minutes submitted by: Dr. Jeff Brown & Suzanne Alford

Minutes pending approval by Graduate Council.