

*Graduate Council*

*Meeting Minutes*

February 18, 2011

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the meeting of the Graduate Council at 9:10 a.m. on February 18, 2011 WHTC 224.

**Roll Call**

The following persons were present: Randel Brown, Ken Tobin, Louise Autio, Maria G. Mosqueda, Shaun Sexton, Claudia San Miguel, John C. Kilburn, Abhijit Patwardhan, William C. Gruben, John Dean, Rogelio Hinojosa, and Neal McReynolds.

In *absentia* were Alfredo Ramirez Jr., and William Riggs.

**Approval of minutes from last meeting**

**Motion:** Randel Brown moved to approve the meeting minutes from November 12, 2011.

**Second:** Claudia San Miguel

The motion was passed unanimously.

**II. Old Business**

**III. New Business**

*A. Graduate Faculty Applications*

a. Full

• **Lola Norris (COAS)**

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

• **Qingquan Wu (COAS)**

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

b. External

*B. English degree plan changes*

**Motion:** John Kilburn moved to approve the English degree plan program changes.  
**Second:** Randel Brown

The motion was passed unanimously.

*C. Biology Admissions changes*

Jeff Brown – comment they will no longer require the GRE. There is no University rule requiring the GRE, but every department chooses independently to require it.

Neal McReynolds – has seen students that do poorly on GRE, but do well in Biology. At the moment we don't have a Biology GRE, but there are a lot of students who don't put forth the effort because they think it's not necessary.

Randel Brown – Asked why this body would presume to make decision for this department.

Jeff Brown - If you go back to the original Graduate Council rules, this body is supposed to make decisions on curriculum issues. At the beginning we were busy with the graduate faculty issue and didn't have the time. Now it's the time to take a look into this. By state law you cannot decline someone solely based on the GRE.

**Motion:** Louise Autio, to approve the Biology proposal.  
**Second:** Ken Tobin

The motion was passed unanimously.

*D. Changing degree program when suspended from another degree program*

- a. Automatic review by admissions committee

No discussion.

*E. Library check-out policy for PhD student (Shaun Sexton)*

Rogelio Hinojosa commented on researching what other universities within the system do in similar situations.

**Motion:** Randel Brown, to correct checkout for 120 days with up to 5 renewal days.  
**Second:** Claudia San Miguel

Jeff Brown (For your information) – changes on GRE will be a challenge for us. The GRE scores will be coming in late. The Admission Office will be affected in registering students in time. The Admissions formula needs to be revised and create a conversion chart.

### **Adjournment**

Randel Brown moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Lucy Cortez and Jeff Brown.

Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council.