

*Graduate Council
Meeting Minutes*

September 13, 2013

I. Call to Order

Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the meeting of the Graduate Council at 9:10 a.m. on September 13, 2013, WHTC 224.

Roll Call

The following persons were present: Whitney Bischoff, Randel Brown, Anna Cieslicka, Patricia Uribe, Leonel Prieto, John Kilburn, Lynne Manganaro, Collins Okafor, Kenneth Tobin, Alfredo Ramirez, Jr, John Dean, Rodney Webb, and Juan G. Garcia.

In *absentia* were Abhijit Patwardhan, James Norris, Brendan Townsend, and Rogelio Hinojosa.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion: Dr. Randel Brown moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 12, 2013. The motion was passed unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. *Cs in the Ph.D. Program*

III. New Business

A. *Graduate Faculty Applications*

a. Full

i. **San Juanita Hachar (COED)**

Motion: It was moved and approved to table her application.
This motion was passed unanimously.

ii. **Glenda Walker (CNHS)**

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

iii. **Jonathan Murphy (COAS)**

Motion: It was moved and seconded to table his application.
This motion was passed unanimously.

iv. **Simon Zschirnt (COAS)**

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

- v. **Monica Munoz (COAS)**
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Full level.
This motion was passed unanimously.
- vi. **Won Kim (COED)**
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Full level.
This motion was passed unanimously.
- vii. **Elizabeth Tomsich (COAS)**
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Full level.
This motion was passed unanimously.
- viii. **Clint Osowski (COAS)**
Motion: It was moved and approved to table his application.
This motion was passed unanimously.

b. External

- i. **Rosemary Plank (CNHS)**
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her at the Full level.
This motion was passed unanimously.

B. Pathways at Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Dr. Jeff Brown wants faculty to encourage more student participation for the conference on November 8, 2013. The Office of Graduate Studies and Research will pay bus, hotel and conference fees.

C. MPA Eliminating GRE

Motion: Dr. Manganaro announced that Master of Public Administration program is now completely online and that the MPA department already submitted plans to the curriculum committee to eliminate the GRE as a requirement.

Dr. Lynne Manganaro moved to approve the motion and Dr. Anna Cieslicka seconded. This motion was passed unanimously.

D. THECB Update

Dr. Jeff Brown presented a Power Point presentation outlining the recent legislative updates, including those on low-producing programs and formula funding.

E. Approve potential reviewers of Master in ED Admin program

Motion: Dr. Jeff Brown introduced the candidates for approval.

Dr. Lynne Manganaro moved to table this motion, and Dr. Patricia Uribe seconded. This motion was passed unanimously.

F. Update on starting Grad classes after 12th class day in term before base period

Dr. Jeff Brown discussed this at length and its potential impact on students and schedules, starting with Spring 2014 term.

G. Distinguished Graduate Student designation at graduation

Dr. Jeff Brown discussed the possibility of awarding this designation to those graduate students with a 4.0 overall GPA.

H. Thesis Manual Updates

New changes include the signatures.

I. Thesis Review Process Update

Two people review each thesis.

J. BA/MA Programs

Dr. Jeff Brown encourages departments to think about creating more BA/MA programs.

K. Criteria for Reviewing Graduate Files

Dr. Jeff Brown asked if programs wish to institute set rules and standards to facilitate the admission decision process and to avoid having to review each file individually for program admission.

Adjournment

Dr. Lynne Manganaro moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Isabel Contreras and Dr. Jeff Brown.

Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council.