

*Graduate Council
Meeting Minutes*

February 14, 2014

I. Call to Order

Dr. Jeff Brown called to order the meeting of the Graduate Council at 3:30 p.m. on February 14, 2014, WHTC 224.

Roll Call

The following persons were present: Whitney Bischoff, Leonel Prieto, John Kilburn, Lynne Manganaro, Marivic Torregosa, Kenneth Tobin, John Dean, Anna Cieslicka, Patricia Uribe, Abhijit Patwardhan, James Norris, Juan Garcia, Jr., Alfredo Ramirez, Rodney Webb, and Collins Okafor.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion: Dr. Whitney Bischoff moved to approve the meeting minutes from November 15, 2013. The motion was passed unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. *Cs in the Ph.D. Program* – The program will follow the general graduate academic regulation and allow no more than one “C” to be accepted as credit. Students may face suspension from the program if more than one “C” is earned.

B. *Update Faculty Handbook GF rules to account for clinical faculty* – No new updates.

C. *Approve potential reviewers of Masters in School Counseling*

a. **Kimberly Hall, Mississippi State University – Meridian**

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her as reviewer.
This motion was passed unanimously.

b. **Jason D. Kushner – University of Arkansas – Fayetteville**

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him as reviewer.
This motion was passed unanimously.

c. **Donna Henderson – Wake Forest University**

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her as reviewer.
This motion was passed unanimously.

III. New Business

A. *Graduate Faculty Applications*

a. New Ph.D. Rule

Motion: It was moved to accept all new Ph.D. faculty.
Dr. Norris moved to approved, and Dr. Uribe seconded.
This motion was passed unanimously.

b. Full

i. **Weam Al-Tameemi (COAS)**

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

ii. **Yinghong Wei (SSB)**

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

iii. **Chunlai Ye (SSB)**

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

iv. **Haibo Wang (SSB)**

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

v. **Maria Reyes (COAS)**

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

vi. **Jorge Brusa (SSB)**

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

vii. **Irma Cantu (COAS)**

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

viii. **Sang-Chul Nam (COAS)**

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

c. External

i. **Homero Aguirre-Milling (SSB)**

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve him.
This motion was passed unanimously.

- ii. **Vanessa Garza (SSB)**
Motion: It was moved and approved to table her application.
This motion was passed unanimously.

- iii. **Pat Abrego (COED)**
Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve her.
This motion was passed unanimously.

B. Theses/Dissertations

Dr. Brown discussed recurring issues in students' theses and dissertations, namely errors being overlooked during proofreading and incorrect formatting. Also, the number of reviewers is low, leading to one reviewer reading several theses at a time. Suggestions to rectify this were made to remove the graduate status from those faculty who fail to properly proofread, set up a thesis committee, and hire/pay staff (or a Graduate Assistant) solely for thesis. Dr. Brown asked for volunteers for reviewers.

C. Scholarships

Dr. Brown discussed the scholarship audit process. A scholarship sub-committee was suggested to handle this: Dr. Manganaro as Chair with Dr. Dean, Dr. Cieslicka and Dr. Norris as members.

D. Catalog Changes

Motion: The BA/MA and BS/MS catalog entry was proofread, and revisions suggested/made.

Dr. Manganaro moved to approve, and Dr. Cieslicka seconded.
This motion was passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Dr. Patricia Uribe moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Isabel Contreras and Dr. Jeff Brown.
Minutes are pending approval by Graduate Council.