

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO
DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
ACTION MINUTES

February 1, 2000

The fifth meeting of the Graduate Council for the 1999-2000 academic year was held in room 4.03.08 John Peace Library Building, February 1, 2000, with Dr. Louis Mendoza presiding.

Present: Mark Allen, Stephen Amberg, Deborah Armstrong, Krista Bragg, Beverly Bunch, Thomas Bylander, Frances Colpitt, Brian Davies, Daniel Diaz, Robert Fuhrman, Emily Gaston, Daniel Gelo, Juan Gonzalez, Daniel Hogenauer, Rosalind Horowitz, Palani-Rasan Kadapakkam, Amir Karimi, Michael Kelly, Ken Little, Louis Mendoza, Parimal Patel, Andrew Perez, Clyde Phelix, Dr. Robert Bayley (for Dr. Ricento), Cherylon Robinson, Joel Saegert, Ted Skekel, Robert K. Smith, Raydel Tullous, Diane Walz, Paul Westmeyer, Kathy Wohler and Kenneth Wunderlich.

Absent: John Adams, Blandina Cardenas, Chak-Tong Chau, Larry Golden, Ming-Ying Leung, Andrew Martinez, Frank Pino, Veronica Rossini, David Sebal, and Philip Stotter.

Visitor: John VanderWeg,

Excused: Jeanne Reesman

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 7, 1999, meeting were approved as distributed.

III. Reports

A. Council Chair

Dr. Mendoza reported that the nominations committee has met regarding persons to serve on the Colloquium Committee, and that nominations are also open. An email ballot will be prepared, to be returned to the Council Secretary.

B. Interim Dean of Graduate Studies

Dr. Reesman was absent from the meeting; Dr. Mendoza reported on (1) a proposed grant to reward graduate student research and to fund colloquia on research projects, and (2) on a 20-year plan for graduate studies at UTSA—the “20-20 plan”—under development.

C. Secretary

No report

D. Committee on Academic Policy and Requirements

Dr. Skekel reported that the committee is nearly ready to submit a draft of the Bylaws for Council consideration. If possible, the draft will be mailed to Council members with the required 30-day lead time so that it can be voted on at the March Council meeting.

A. Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses

Dr. Armstrong reported that the Master of Arts in Museum Studies degree program and the Ph.D. in Business Administration plans have been reviewed and meetings will be held with the faculty groups who proposed the programs. Representatives will be invited to

the March Council meeting where committee recommendations regarding these proposals will be presented for action. The Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering proposal will be reviewed further and recommendations will probably be presented at the April Council meeting.

F. Membership Committee

Dr. Fuhrman recommended Graduate Faculty Memberships as on Page 2201 of Council Documents; these were approved. Dr. Mendoza then introduced Dr. Robert Bayley as the replacement for Dr. Thomas Ricento on the Council.

G. Committee on Graduate Program Evaluation

Dr. Perez reported that all sub committees have been organized with the chair of each member not from the college housing the programs under review and with a member who is from that college on each sub committee. Outside reviewers have also been approved.

IV Unfinished Business

Dr. Phelix reported that the ad hoc Task Force on Doctoral Policies and Procedures has not met yet but will do so prior to the March Council Meeting.

V. New Business

None

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.