

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
ACTION MINUTES

November 5, 2002

Room 4.03.08
John Peace Library Building
3:30 p.m.

The third meeting of the Graduate Council for the 2002-2003 academic year was held in room 4.03.08, John Peace Library Building, November 5, 2002.

Present: Stephen Bach, Stuart Birnbaum, Christopher Borman, Jacob Castellanos, Dorothy Flannagan, Robert Fuhrman, Michael Gilbert, Larry Golden, Kolleen Guy, Victor Heller, Jack Himelblau, Fred Hudson, Eugene John, Palani-Rajan Kadapakkam, Michael Kelly, Hugh Maynard, James McDonald, Bill Mullen, Ray Padilla, Andrew Perez, Teressa Skeete, Ted Skekel, Howard Smith, Judith Sobré, David Thompson, Claudia Tovar-Ortiz, Lila Truett-Flory, Armando Trujillo, Pablo Vila and Kenneth Wunderlich

Absent: Mark Alford, Leroy Alloway Glenn Dietrich, Mansour El-Kikhia, Fathali Firoozi, William Francis, Neil Maurer, John McCray, Wanira Oliveira, Dibs Sakar, Nestor Sanchez, Tom Thomson, Andrew Tsin, Diane Walz, Jose Weissmann, and Esther Wheeler

Excused: Ablam A. Apedjhoun, James Balentine, Thomas Bylander, Richard LeBaron, Arturo Vega

Invited guests: Blandina Cardenas, Jesse Zapata, Paul Westmeyer, Albert Valadez, Arthur Hernandez, Marchetta Evans and Sabina DeVries

I. Call to Order and taking of attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 by Victor Heller, Chair. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the October 1, 2002 minutes.

II. Reports

A. Council Chair (Victor Heller)

Victor Heller asked Larry Golden introduce the guests representing the College of Education and Human Development. A motion was made and seconded to allow the guests to speak concerning the proposed Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision.

B. Dean of Graduate Studies (Dorothy Flannagan)

The Dean of Graduate Studies reported that the Coordinating Board Site Visit for the proposed Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering degree program

went very well. The reviewers will present their report to the Coordinating Board.

- C. Secretary (Diane Walz)
In Dr. Walz's absence, Dr. Flannagan called for discussion on the proposed change in the bylaws, *Article III, Membership on the Graduate Council, a, Elections* which was attached to the October 1, 2002, minutes, page 2389. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal to amend the bylaws as stated.
- D. Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses (Robert Fuhrman)
Dr. Robert Fuhrman presented the Executive Summary for the proposed doctoral degree program in Counselor Education and Supervision. The Executive Summary was distributed to the Council members at the meeting. Dr. Fuhrman commented on the overall program requirements outlined in the proposal and then explained the three items summarized in the handout. A motion was made and seconded and the proposal was unanimously approved. (Attachment A)
- E. Membership Committee (Eugene John)
- 1) The list of candidates for Graduate Faculty membership that appeared in Attachment A (page 2392 & 2393) of the Documents and Proceeding was approved as presented.
 - 2) Dr. John distributed a proposal to amend the membership bylaws. This was presented only for review and discussion and generated varied views from the Council on this amendment. It was clear that some changes must be made to streamline the graduate faculty membership process.
- F. Committee on Graduate Program Evaluation (Victor Heller)
No report
- G. Committee on Academic Policy and Requirements (Arthur Vega)
No report

IV. Unfinished Business
None

V. New Business
Ablam Apedjhou, student representative to the UT System Advisory Council, was not able to attend. His report was distributed and Dr. Flannagan explained that the items highlighted were the concerns that Ablam needed to report to the Advisory Council in Austin. Most of the issues fall under Graduate Studies and will be addressed to Dr. Stafford.

Judith Sobré brought up the concern in the Department of Art and Art History concerning the issue of statue and equivalent value of the MFA program. This

concerns the fact that the MFA program does not receive the level of funding they feel the program is entitled to. This is clearly a decision made by the Coordinating Board. However, Dr. Flannagan commented that discussion concerning this issue has taken place in the College and Provost level and that there may be a possibility that the funding level may be increased.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.

Attachment A
Doctoral Degree Program in Counselor Education and Supervision
Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, Adult and Higher Education
College of Education and Human Development

Executive Summary

The Committee received the proposal on September 6 and met on September 16 to begin a preliminary review. The Committee met again on September 24 to discuss the proposal with Dr. Larry Golden, the Chair of the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, Adult and Higher Education, and Dr. Albert Valadez, Assistant Professor of Counseling. Following this meeting, the Committee Chair met on September 25 with Dr. Golding, Dr. Valadez, Dr. Paul Westmeyer, the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research in the College of Education and Human Development, Dr. Dorothy Flannagan, Interim Dean of Graduate Studies, and Dr. Joseph Stafford, Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies. The Committee received a revision of the proposal on October 11 and met for a final discussion on October 21.

The Committee recommends approval of the proposed degree program for the following reasons:

1. The proposed program would offer students an opportunity to develop a career in counselor education and supervision, providing them with the training necessary to serve as advanced practitioners of counseling in academic and clinical settings. Students in the program would be able to specialize in one or more areas, including community counseling, school counseling, cultural diversity in counseling, and educational leadership. Expertise in these areas would enable graduates to serve as important leaders in local school districts, make significant contributions to mental health research, and offer essential counseling support to the growing mental health needs of San Antonio and the South Texas region. No other public institution in San Antonio or the South Texas region offers this type of program so students from many other schools in the region are likely to be attracted to the program. In addition, minority students in the area would be given the opportunity to acquire skills and expertise in the field of mental health that they could not afford to pursue otherwise.
2. The program, with its strong emphasis on multicultural research and training, would bring national recognition to the University, particularly in its unique role as a comprehensive metropolitan program that addresses the critical needs of the local Hispanic community. The proposed degree would develop culturally competent practitioners and potential academicians who appreciate the value of diversity. This emphasis on multicultural research and training would help distinguish the program from many other counseling programs in the country and would enable its graduates to more effectively address the unique mental health needs of the South Texas region.

3. The program has received considerable support from the community, as evidenced by letters from local school districts and various mental health organizations. These letters indicate that there is a local need for the expertise offered by the program and graduates would be valued by many education and mental health organizations in San Antonio and other communities throughout the South Texas region.

Attachment B

Proposal to amend the Bylaws to reflect the following:

1. **Everyone hired as a fulltime tenure-track faculty member will be automatically given status as a special member.**
2. **Automatic change in status to full member will occur for full-time tenure-track faculty members after serving as a special member for three years. If a tenure-track faculty member receives tenure before serving as a special member for three years, they will automatically become a full member after receiving tenure.**
3. **Tenured new hires will be automatically given status as full member.**

Alternative proposal: **Membership will be granted upon recommendation of respective department Graduate Faculty.**

(i.e. there is no need of approval by the Graduate Council.)