

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL  
ACTION MINUTES

April 3, 2001

The sixth meeting of the Graduate Council for the 2000-2001 academic year was held in room 4.03.08 John Peace Library Building, February 6, 2001.

**Present:**

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

**Visitors:**

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Dr. Armstrong called the meeting to order at 3:30p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February, 2001 meeting were approved as distributed.

III. Reports

A. Council Chair

1. Dr. Armstrong reminded visitors to sign the attendance <sup>A</sup> <sup>P</sup> roster.
2. Dr. Armstrong recommended that the Graduate Council not take steps to withhold Graduate Council membership from faculty holding positions as department chairs for next fall.
3. Dr. Armstrong reminded Council members about the Graduate Colloquium, which is to be held this Friday, April 6, 2001.

B. Interim Dean of Graduate Studies

1. Dr. Reesman reminded Council Members about the Graduate Colloquium, and its primary speaker, Dr. Timm Crimmins from Georgia State University. President Romo, Joe Stafford (UT System) and Deborah Green (UTHSC) will be attending the Colloquium. The results of the Graduate Colloquium will be presented in a document which will be given to the Graduate Council Chair to be shared with the Council Members. Dr. Reesman suggested that this document might be placed on the website.
2. Dr. Reesman announced that Dr. Houston Baker from Duke University would be speaking at the Graduate Research Conference and Competition here on campus on April 20.

3. Dr. Reesman expressed her thanks to the Graduate Program Committee for all of their hard work during this academic year.
4. Dr. Reesman reported that the Graduate Program Committee will be getting materials to review in order to change the *MS in Mathematics with an emphasis in Statistics* to a *MS in Statistics*, a non-substantive change. This change is motivated by the fact that Statistics is no longer in the Math discipline, but has been moved to the College of Business. Dr. Reesman suggested that the Committee review the program materials and transmit their recommendations to the Council members via email, followed by an email vote of the Graduate Council for or against approval of the Committee's recommendations.

C. Secretary

1. The results of the elections for Graduate Council members for the 2001-2002 academic year were distributed. The representative from History had not yet been selected. A runoff election is in progress.
2. A memo was sent to the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee to identify Graduate Council members (Faculty and Student representatives) to fill vacancies on Graduate Council Committees for the 2001-2002 academic year.
3. Dr. Walz explained that our current bylaws do not prevent department chairs from serving as Graduate Council members. Since some (at least one) of the members elected for next year will be serving as a department chair, Dr. Walz asked if the Council wanted to address this issue by discussing and/or initiating a change to the bylaws. The issue was discussed briefly, but no motion was made to change the bylaws at this time. The Council has plans to review the bylaws next fall to determine if changes are needed as a result of restructuring.

D. Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses

1. Dr. Amberg presented the committee recommendation that the Ph.D. program in Music Psychology be approved. Issues related to student compensation packages, the ancillary support relationship with the Health Science Center, and the uniqueness of the degree program were discussed. The Council approved the committee recommendation unanimously by acclamation.
2. Dr. Amberg is expecting the materials for the MS in Statistics program. He reported that this is essentially a name change. He expects to be able to distribute the materials to the Committee soon and the Committee's findings will be presented to the Council via email, followed by an email ballot for or against approval of the Committee's recommendations.
3. The proposal for the Ph.D. program in Biomedical Engineering has been received by the committee. Dr. Amberg reported that this is a complex proposal and he suggested that the committee's work may not be completed by the end of the month.

**E. Membership Committee**

Dr. Wunderlich recommended approval of Graduate Faculty Memberships as listed in Attachment A of the Documents & Proceedings, page 2288. Some corrections to the list on Attachment A:

1. For the College of Business, Dr. Jan G. Clark was recommended as a Member of the Graduate Faculty, and not as a Special Member.
2. Drs. Justino De La Cruz and Karan Bhanot were also recommended as Members of the Graduate Faculty from the COB.
3. For the College of Sciences, four additional Special Members were recommended. (Olga – I didn't get their names. I just assumed you had them.)

*Debbie*

All recommended Memberships were approved by acclamation.

**F. Committee on Graduate Program Evaluation**

1. Dr. Maynard presented the report of the outside reviewers on the Masters in Taxation and the MS in Accounting degree programs in the College of Business and he reported the Committee's recommendations for these programs, as presented in Attachment B to the Order of Business.
2. The Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendations for the Masters in Taxation.
3. We did not have a quorum at the time that a vote was taken to approve the Committee's recommendations for the MS in Accounting. Those present voted unanimously to approve. Dr. Armstrong will request a Council vote via email.

**G. Committee on Academic Policy and Requirements**  
No report

**IV. Unfinished Business**

None.

**V. New Business**

None.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.