

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

April 2, 2002

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

The sixth meeting of the Graduate Council for the 2001-2002 academic year was held in Room 4.03.08 John Peace Library Building, April 2, 2002.

Present: Ron Alexander, Stephan Bach, James Balentine, Christopher Borman, Frances Colpitt, Glenn Dietrich, Robert Fuhrman, Dorohty Flannagan, Michael Gilbert, Juan Gonzalez, Jack Himmelblau, Palani-Rajan, Kadapakkam, Michael Kelly, James McDonald, Juan Mora-Torres, Dibs Sakar, Ted Skekel, David Thompson, Raydel Tullous, Pablo Vila, Esther Wheeler, Zu Zhou and Rocky Shih

Absent: Mark Alford, Stephen Amberg, Robert Bayley, Thomas Bylander, Aaron Cassill, Ryan Craig, Daniel Hogenauer, Luis Haro, Fred Hudson, Eugene John, Carole Anne Leezer, Neil Maurer, Hugh Maynard, Alan Morris, Bill Mullen, Nestor Sanchez, Heather Shields, Ram Tripathi, Maggie Valentine, Arturo Vega, Amparo Villanueva, Diane Walz, Kenneth Wunderlich and Yu Zhou

Excused: Rosalind Horowitz

I. Call to Order and taking of attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 3:42 p.m. by Council President, Chia-Shun (Rocky) Shih.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 7, 2002 meeting were distributed. An email vote to approve these minutes was conducted

III. Reports

A. Council Chair

No report

B. Interim Dean of Graduate Studies.

- i. Dr. Flannagan presented a proposal to change the international application deadline to March 1 for summer effective 2003. This proposal was favorably received by the Council.
- ii. An update on the status of the proposals pending approval was as follows: Ph.D. in English will be presented at the April 18 Coordinating Board; the Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering at the UTSYSTEM May meeting; the doctoral programs in Music Psychology, Environmental Science and Cell and Molecular Biology will follow.
- iii. Dr. Flannagan informed the Council on the mandatory Teaching Assistant orientation and workshops. This is presently being planned and information will come out soon.

- C. Secretary
 - i. In the absence of the Secretary, Diane Walz, Dr. Shih presented the results of the email vote on the March 7 meeting; all items were approved as indicated above.
 - ii. The 2002-2003 Graduate Council roster was presented and this information was submitted to the Nominating Committee so that they can start nominating faculty to fill the committee vacancies. Their recommendations will be presented at the May 2 meeting.
- D. Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses

No report.
- E. Membership Committee

The Committee recommended accepting the faculty listed on the Agenda of May 2, Attachment D, p 2346, and the addendum distributed to the Council. A motion was made and seconded to approve both lists.
- F. Committee on Graduate Program Evaluation
 - i. Dr. Skekel presented the four follow-up review reports for the Masters in Psychology, Anthropology and Architecture and the Ph.D. in Computer Science. A brief discussion followed the presentation.
 - ii. Dr. Skekel will present the evaluation report on the Master of Science in Sociology at the May 2 meeting.
- F. Committee on Academic Policy and Requirements

No report.
- IV. Unfinished Business

Discussion concerning the possibility of proposing the creation of a Graduate College occurred. Dr. Flannagan rationalized the benefits that would result if a Graduate School were to be established. After discussion, the Council suggested that an ad hoc committee be created to investigate this possibility. Dr. Shih, Council Chair, called for a volunteer to chair this committee and to later assist in selecting members to serve. Dr. Esther Wheeler will chair the committee.
- V. New Business

None.
- VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.