

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

October 3, 2000

The second meeting of the Graduate Council for the 2000-2001 academic year was held in room 4.03.08 John Peace Library Building, October 3, 2000.

Present: Sos Agaian, Ron Alexander, Mark Alford, Stephen Amberg, Deborah Armstrong, Virginia Balderas, Beverly Bunch, Thomas Bylander, Frances Colpitt, Keith Fairchild, Robert Fuhrman, Daniel Gelo, Larry Golden, Juan J. Gonzalez, Palani-Rajan Kadapakkam, David Katims, Michael Kelly, Neil Maurer, Hugh Maynard, Frank Pino, Jeanne Reesman, Cherylon Robinson, Andra Schreiner, David Sebald, Kasey Songy, Ram Tripathi, Raydel Tullous, Diane Walz, Paul Westmeyer, Kenneth Wunderlich and Su Zhou

Absent: John Adams, Mark Allen, Stephan Bach, Robert J. Bayley, Blandina Cardenas, James Chambers, Brian Davies, William Flannery, Michael Gilbert, Luis Haro, Amir Karimi, Alan Morris, Mary Helen Pratte, Chia Shih, and Ted Skekel

Excused: Rosalind Horowitz and Cynthia Katz

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Dr. Reesman called the meeting to order at 3:35 and introduced Deborah Armstrong as the new Chair of the Council. The meeting was turned over to Dr. Deborah Armstrong.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as distributed.

III. Reports

A. Council Chair

Dr. Deborah Armstrong addressed the Council and stressed the importance of serving in the Graduate Council as representatives of their degree programs and members of Graduate Council Committees.

B. Interim Dean of Graduate Studies

Dr. Reesman reported the following:

1. First thanked Dr. Armstrong for her years of service on the Council and commented that her election to the chair is very appropriate.
2. Referred the question of leaves of absence and deferred admission for doctoral students to the Committee on Academic Policy and Requirements.
3. Referred the question of how to handle recommendations for Graduate Faculty memberships now that the Biographical Data Form has been discontinued to the Membership Committee, suggesting that the form could be modified, replaced or not used at all in membership considerations.
4. Asked each committee to look at the new Bylaws and determine how its procedures will change and to determine whether new written policies might be required.

5. Reported that President Romo spoke to the Board of Regents on Monday about new doctoral programs at the UTSA and plans to advance the institution in its graduate offerings.

C. Secretary

Dr. Westmeyer reported the following:

1. That the election to replace Dr. Armstrong on the Council resulted in the selection of James Chambers to represent the Ph.D. in Biology degree program.
2. Announced that Virginia Balderas (student) has been appointed to the University Libraries committee and Kasey Songy (student) has been appointed to serve on the Human Research committee of the UTSA Standing Committees.
3. Announced replacements on the Council: Mark Alford for the Master of Taxation program and David Katims for the Master of Arts in Education program.
4. Referred to the ad hoc Nominating Committee a request for nominations to replace Dr. Armstrong on the Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses.
5. Called on Dr. Kelly to present nominees to replace Dr. Westmeyer as Secretary of the Graduate Council. The meeting was turned back to the Chair for the election.

Ballots were distributed and collected (results to be reported later).

D. Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses

Dr. Amberg reported that the committee recommends approval of the two concentrations in the MA in Education as shown on page 2254 of Council Documents. The Council voted to approve the recommendation.

E. Membership Committee

No report

F. Committee on Graduate Program Evaluation

No report

G. Committee on Academic Policy and Requirements

No report

IV. Unfinished Business

Dr. Kelly reported that Diane Walz was elected Secretary of the Council.

V. New Business

Dr. Reesman discussed the time required for new degree program proposals to be processed in the university. After initial planning, approvals must come from the Council, the Senate, and the Assembly and each may first refer the proposal to a committee. We could propose that the Council be the final approving body since in the past the Senate has not examined proposals closely once the Council has recommended them. A question was raised regarding who would have to approve such a plan and Dr. Reesman responded that we

would check this out. A comment was made that it would be good if new degree programs could be publicized so that all faculty members would be more aware of them.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.