

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS
April 3, 2018

**Graduate Student Professional
Development Center
GSR 1.204
3:30-5:00**

Present: John Bartkowski, Michael Baumann, Ian Caine, Guadalupe Carmona, Fengxin Chen, Jonathan Clark, Lucila Ek, Jurgen Engelberth, Fathali Firoozi, Ruyan Guo, Judy Haschenburger, Shamsad Khan, Myung Ko, Nancy Membrez, Wing Chung Ng, Libby Rowe, Erica Sosa, Page Smith, Firat Testik, Ram Tripathi, Victor Villarreal, HungDa Wan, Zijun Wang, Alistar Welchman, Weining Zhang.

Excused: DeBrenna Agbenyiga, Michael Cepek, Jackie Cuevas, Kandyce Fernandez, Chris Packham, Heidi Rueda, Elaine Sanders, Corey Sparks, Liang Tang, Marie Tillyer.

Absent: Ernesto Alva-Sevilla, Lauren Bednarski, Doung Frantz, Shane Haberstroth, Kasandra Keeling, David Martinez-Prieto, Ritu Mathur, Cyrus Melendez, Ricardo Ramirez, Page Smith.

- I. Call to order and taking of attendance
Meeting called to order at 3:35pm
Quorum not achieved as of the call to order

SGA position has changed since our last meeting, but the position reflected in the March 3 meeting notes was accurate at the time

- II. Reports

- A. Council Chair (**Mike Baumann**)

- Consent Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Special Membership Applicants (Attachment A)
Comments: None
Consent agenda approved
- Update from Senate Meeting
 - Student government presented a heavily amended proposal with respect to grading scales (+/-) with several options they wanted senate to consider. Senate voted to look into inconsistencies that SGA pointed out. The outcome is unclear. Because of this change AcPolRec hasn't had a chance to review and consider.
 - New emeritus policy likely to require 2 EEs in last 5 years, with the other three being a minimum of MEs.

Quorum achieved at 3:40

- B. Dean of Graduate School (**DeBrenna Agbenyiga**)

- GAR Handbook – Discussion rescheduled

- C. Secretary (**Jonathan Clark**)
 - 2018-2019 Officers and Committees
 - Nomination: Jonathan Clark as Chair
 - Nomination: Corey Sparks as Parliamentarian
 - Nomination: HungDa Wa (cannot accept nomination)
 - Opportunity for Committee Chairs
 - Opportunity for Admin & Agenda Committee
 - Send nominations to Dr. Clark or Dr. Baumann

- D. Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses (**Victor Villarreal**)
 - No Report

- E. Committee on Graduate Program Evaluation (**Vacant**)
 - No Report

- F. Committee on Academic Policy and Requirements (**Elaine Sanders**)
 - No Report

III. Unfinished Business

- Follow up question asked regarding minimum registration for RAs / TAs during summer. Dr. Baumann stated that as of the last update he received, the minimum is one credit-hour registration requirement for RAs during summer. The intention is to extend the same policy to TAs. Only student titles carry a minimum enrollment.

IV. New Business

- It was noted the Dean had attended relatively few Council meetings this year. Interpretation of this was briefly discussed.
- A request was made to have the Dean send a delegate when she cannot make it so that there is representation from the Dean's office.

V. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn
- Seconded
- Meeting adjourned at 3:59pm