

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

February 4, 2014

**University Room
BB 2.06.04
3:30-5:00 p.m.**

Present:

Mike Baumann, Liao Chen, Alberto Cordova, Dennis Davis, Sara DeTurk, Jurgen Engelberth, Ender Finol, Michael Gardin, Donald Goess, Kevin Grant, Judy Haschenburger, Mary Hatch, Vic Heller, Steven Hoffman, Eugene John, Gerald Juhnke, Myung Ko, Donald Kurtz, Barbara McCabe, Michael McDonald, James O'Grady, Malgorzata Oleszkiewicz-Peralba, Cornel Pasnicu, Billie Jo Rodriguez, Patricia Sanchez, Elaine Sanders, Page Smith, Johnelle Sparks, Drew Stephen, Josh Thurow, Marie Tillyer, Ram Tripathi, Lila Truett, Walter Wilson, Weining Zhang

Absent:

Bernadette Andrea, Richard Armendariz, Onur Bayar, Joshua Cavazos, Gloria Crisp, Jeannie Hahl, Camaron Hole, Hatim Sharif

Excused:

Edward Burian, Michael Cepek, Dorothy Flannagan, Jeff Halley, Anne Hardgrove

Visitors:

Lorenzo Brancaleon, Terri Earnest, Sandy Norman, Chris Packman, Betty Travis, Robert Whetten, Miguel Yacaman

I. Call to Order and Taking of Attendance

The February meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Council Chair Dr. Elaine Sanders. Dr. Dorothy Flannagan, Dean, was excused and Dr. Page Smith, Associate Dean of the Graduate School was recognized.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Dr. Sanders asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2013 meeting as written. A motion was made by Johnelle Sparks, and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Reports

A. Council Chair (Elaine Sanders)

Dr. Sanders asked for a vote to suspend the by-laws in order to allow for the visitors to address the External Reviewers Reports for the graduate programs in Math and Physics. Motion was made by Eugene John, seconded by Mike Baumann and approved unanimously. Dr. Sanders requested a motion to change

the agenda order to allow outside speakers to address Math and Physics programs. A motion was made and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Committee of Graduate Program Evaluation (Vic Heller)

Dr. Heller presented the program evaluation report of the external reviewers for the graduate programs in Math and Physics. Conversation ensued. The committee's report was a motion to accept the Math and Physics, and second by Johnelle Sparks; passing unanimously.

C. Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Smith noted that 900 doctoral applications were received and that over half had been processed and forwarded back to the appropriate department. He noted college is focusing on identifying high performing undergraduates for admission into graduate programs through a "VIP" application process. Conversation ensued.

D. Secretary (Vic Heller)

Dr. Heller reminded council members that department Graduate Council membership elections were needed to be held in the spring for council member terms beginning in the fall semester.

E. Committee of Graduate Program and Courses (Kevin Grant)

No Report

F. Membership Committee (Michael Cepek)

Dr. Ram Tripathi presented Special Membership applications. (Refer to Attachment B of the agenda) The vote of the committee served as a motion to accept. The motion was seconded by Gerald Juhnke; passing unanimously.

G. Committee on Academic Policy and Requirements (Sara DeTurk)

Dr. DeTurk presented an update on proposed policy changes being discussed by the CAPR for the upcoming Graduate Catalog. These included; academic standing, reinstatement, and grade inflation and dual degree programs. (Refer to Attachment C of the agenda). Discussion ensued. The recommendation of the committee on the proposed changes to the catalog text for the academic standing and reinstatement served as a motion and was seconded by Steven Hoffman, passing unanimously. A motion was made to refer the proposed policy for the dual degree programs back to the committee. The motion was made by Mike Baumann and seconded by Patricia Sanchez; passing unanimously.

IV. Unfinished Business

None

V. New Business

None

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.