

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

March 4, 2014

**Ballroom Room 2
BB 2.06.04
3:30-5:00 p.m.**

Present:

Mike Baumann, Onur Bayar, Edward Burian, Michael Cepek, Liao Chen, Alberto Cordova, Gloria Crisp, Dennis Davis, Sara DeTurk, Jurgen Engelberth, Michael Gardin, Donald Goess, Kevin Grant, Anne Hardgrove, Judy Haschenburger, Mary Hatch, Eugene John, Gerald Juhnke, Myung Ko, James O'Grady, Cornel Pasnicu, Billie Jo Rodriguez, Patricia Sanchez, Elaine Sanders, Page Smith, Drew Stephen, Josh Thurow, Marie Tillyer, Ram Tripathi, Lila Truett

Absent:

Bernadette Andrea, Richard Armendariz, Joshua Cavazos, Ender Finol, Jeff Halley, Camaron Hole, Donald Kurtz, Michael McDonald, Hatim Sharif, Weining Zhang

Excused:

Dorothy Flannagan, Jeannie Hahl, Vic Heller, Steven Hoffman, Barbara McCabe, Malgorzata Oleszkiewicz-Peralba, Johnelle Sparks, Walter Wilson

Visitors:

None

I. Call to Order and Taking of Attendance

The March meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by Council Chair Dr. Elaine Sanders.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Dr. Sanders asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting as written. The motion passed.

III. Reports

A. Council Chair (Elaine Sanders)

Dr. Sanders asked for nominations for the officer positions. The following were nominated: Elaine Sanders for Chair, Vic Heller for Secretary and Johnelle Sparks for Parliamentarian.

B. Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Smith noted that doctoral student enrollment is flourishing but the concern is master student enrollment, due to competition. Dr. Smith noted that the yield

rate is positively effected when the decision to admit is made in between 1 -3 weeks as opposed to being admitted over 3 weeks.

C. Secretary (Vic Heller)

No Report

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

Dr. Kevin Grant noted that committee is currently reviewing a Graduate Certificate in Language Acquisition and Bilingual Psychoeducational Assessment and hopes to present the proposal at the next meeting.

E. Membership Committee (Michael Cepek)

Dr. Michael Cepek presented Special Membership applications. (Refer to Attachment A of the agenda) The vote of the committee served as a motion to accept. The motion was seconded by Mike Baumann; passing unanimously.

F. Committee of Graduate Program Evaluation (Vic Heller)

Dr. Grant presented the program evaluation report of the external reviewers for the graduate programs in Biology. Conversation ensued. The Council was concerned with the recommendation to remove the non-thesis option for fear student's may take longer to complete the degree, drop out or the department may not have enough faculty to support a thesis only option. The committee's report was a motion to accept, and passing unanimously.

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

Dr. DeTurk meet with the CARP and Dr. Flannagan to discuss the proposed policy for dual degrees programs. Dr. DeTurk presented the revised policy (Refer to Attachment B of the agenda). Some restrictions of the policy are due to SACS regulations. Discussion ensued. The revised policy will be voted on at the next meeting.

IV. Unfinished Business

None

V. New Business

None

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:14p.m.