

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

May 10, 2016

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3:30pm

Present: Richard Armendariz, Rahman Azari, Mike Baumann, Mehdi Beyhaghi, Curtis Brewer, Michael Cepek, Whitney Chappell, Youn-Min Chou, Jonathan Clark, Doug Frantz, Vaidya Gundlupet, Shane Haberstroh, Seok Kang, Margarita Machado-Casas, Lucinda Nevarez, Sharon Nichols, Elaine Sanders, Corey Sparks, Marie Tillyer, Joshua Thurow, Ram Tripathi, Lila Turett, Hongjie Xie, Weining Zhang

Absent: Kinitra Brooks, Alberto Cordova, Brian Derrick, Heather Edelblute, Yusheng Feng, Jingqi Li, Rongjie Liu, Marcela Lopez, Adolfo Matamoros, Barbara McCabe, Catherine Nolan-Ferrell, Liang Tang, Daphne Villareal, Jennifer Woods

Excused: Debrenna Agbenyiga, Dennis Davis, Ruyan Guo, Kevin Grant, Chris Packham, Drew Stephen

Visitors: Kristen Gardner, Ana Leos, Leslie Neely, Anuradha Roy, Jeremy Sullivan

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

The May meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order at 3:38pm by Dr. Mike Baumann, Council Chair.

II. Reports

A. Council Chair (Mike Baumann)

- Consent Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Special Membership Applicants (Attachment A)
 - Dr. Baumann gave an opportunity for discussion of the consent agenda items. No Discussion. All items were approved without removal.
 - Call for Committee Member
 - Spots available for Membership Committee, Graduate Programs & Courses Committee, Policy & Requirements Committee, and Graduate Program Evaluation Committee.

B. Dean of Graduate School (DeBrenna Agbenyiga)

- Update on VIP Application
 - Dr. Agbenyiga discussed the process of VIP application and how it worked exactly. She discussed the possibility of a future opportunity of VIP application expanding to the doctoral level. At this point it is just a matter of discussion, not something that will be going into place in the fall.
- Update on PDRF

- An additional 10K has been approved for help in recruiting. There has been very good return on that, as a result colleges are able to recruit some of the top candidates. 20 students are being awarded this fall that have committed to programs n COLFA, COE, and COS. PDRF is something that will continue for the next coming year as well.
- Funding for Tuition Support
 - Tuition waiver process is to start, Dr. Agbenyiga gave clarification that this is not going to be a onetime thing. The details are still being decided and confirmed. Implementation of the funds will be dispersed when approved. There is a possibility that the tuition support may be retroactive, a point that has been brought up and being discussed. There was clarification on how tuition will get paid, no tuition or fees are waived they will just be paid out.
- Update on Professional Development Center
 - Currently in the renovation stage, it is scheduled to be opened sometime in the fall of 2016. Graduate Student Association is working with the Graduate School in reaching out to students to figure out what is needed outside of academics to increase their marketability.

C. Secretary (Dennis Davis)

- Election of Secretary
 - Dr. Kang was elected as the new secretary for the 2016-2017 academic year.

D. Committee on Graduate Programs and Courses (Kevin Grant)

- MA in Educational Psychology Proposal
 - Proposal was presented by Dr. Roy. Purpose of program is to prepare practitioners and researchers to use the tools, resources, and strategies necessary to improve the educational experience of all learners. It will require 24 hours of core courses, and 12 hours of electives, totaling 36 hours. No comprehensive exam is required. It will be the only master's degree in Educational Psychology offered in the San Antonio area. All in favor, no opposed –passed.

D. Committee on Graduate Program Evaluation (Kinitra Brooks)

- No Report

E. Committee on Academic Policy and Requirements (Elaine Sanders)

- No Report

III. Unfinished Business

IV. New Business

- Council Committees
 - Committee spots have not all been filled, contact Ginger to sign up for a committee.

V. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Elaine Sanders and Seconded by Dr. Lila Truett. Meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.