

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

October 1, 2013

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

Present:

Bernadette Andrea, Mike Baumann, Edward Burian, Liao Chen, Alberto Cordova, Dennis Davis, Sara DeTurk, Michael Gardin, Donald Goess, Kevin Grant, Jeannie Hahl, Jeff Halley, Anne Hardgrove, Judy Haschenburger, Mary Hatch, Vic Heller, Steven Hoffman, Camaron Hole, Eugene John, Myung Ko, Donald Kurtz, Michael McDonald, James O'Grady, Malgorzata Oleszkiewicz-Peralba, Cornel Pasnicu, Billie Jo Rodriguez, Patricia Sanchez, Elaine Sanders, Page Smith, Johnelle Sparks, Drew Stephen, Liang Tang for Ender Finol, Ram Tripathi, Lila Truett, Walter Wilson

Absent:

Onur Bayar, Joshua Cavazos, Gloria Crisp, Holly Miller, Hatim Sharif, Weining Zhang

Excused:

Richard Armendariz, Michael Cepek, Jurgen Engelberth, Dorothy Flannagan, Barbara McCabe, Josh Thurow,

Visitors:

Hazem Rashed-Ali, Stephen Saville

I. Call to Order and Taking of Attendance

- The October meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Council Chair Dr. Elaine Sanders. She noted that we had two visitors: Hazem Rashed-Ali from the College of Architecture and Dr. Stephen Saville from the Committee on Graduate Program Review. Dr. Sanders called for a motion to suspend the bylaws and allow these individuals to participate in the meeting. The motion was made by Dr. Johnelle Sparks and the motion was passed. Dr. Dorothy Flannagan, Dean, was excused and Dr. Page Smith, Associate Dean of the Graduate School was introduced.

II. Approval of the Minutes

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

III. Reports

A. Council Chair (Elaine Sanders)

- Dr. Sanders discussed: a.) the upcoming UTSA undergraduate retention program referred to as Early Alert program beginning in spring 2014 on Blackboard. Faculty will be required to make notification on student academic status. Unknown if this will be required for graduate students. Dr. Sanders will follow up; b.) MA Geography on the agenda for the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting; and c.) the November Graduate Council meeting will be held in the UC building Harris Room 2.212

B. Dean of the Graduate School

- Dr. Smith made a PPT presentation with brief remarks on graduate student enrollments for fall 2013 Master degrees acceptance (6.15), Ph.D acceptance .79, for total of (4.97). Dr. Smith noted that Dr. Flanagan is recovering well and working part-time.

C. Secretary (Vic Heller)

- Dr. Heller had no report.

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

- Dr. Kevin Grant presented a PPT update on the Masters of Historic Preservation degree proposal with follow up discussion. The committee's recommendation was a motion to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jeff Halley; passing unanimously.

E. Membership Committee (Michael Cepek)

- Dr. Ram Tripathi presented nine Special Membership applications. The vote of the committee served as a motion to accept. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sparks and approved by the Council.

F. Committee of Graduate Program Evaluation (Vic Heller)

- Dr. Sanders noted that currently the chair of the committee is open and that Dr. Heller has agreed to serve as chair.

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

- Dr. DeTurk had no report.

IV. New Business

Dr. Stephen Saville and Dr. Rashed-Ali discussed the MS in Architecture (MS Arch). Discussion addressed the several concerns: Master of Architecture(MArch) is no longer a terminal degree with a growing number of universities offering Ph.D. programs in Architecture; MArch continues to be a professional degree; and MS Arch would be an academic degree for students pursuing research or an advanced degree. No motion or vote was required.

V. Unfinished Business

None

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.