

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

November 5, 2013

**Harris Room
HUC 2.212
3:30-5:00p.m.**

Present:

Bernadette Andrea, Richard Armendariz, Mike Baumann, Onur Bayar, Edward Burian, Liao Chen, Alberto Cordova, Gloria Crisp, Dennis Davis, Sara DeTurk, Jurgen Engelberth, Ender Finol, Michael Gardin, Donald Goess, Kevin Grant, Anne Hardgrove, Judy Haschenburger, Mary Hatch, Vic Heller, Steven Hoffman, Eugene John, Myung Ko, Donald Kurtz, James O'Grady, Cornel Pasnicu, Billie Jo Rodriguez, Patricia Sanchez, Elaine Sanders, Page Smith, Johnelle Sparks, Drew Stephen, Josh Thurow, Marie Tillyer, Ram Tripathi, Lila Truett

Absent:

Joshua Cavazos, Camaron Hole, Barbara McCabe, Michael McDonald, Malgorzata Oleszkiewicz-Peralba, Hatim Sharif, Walter Wilson, Weining Zhang

Excused:

Michael Cepek, Dorothy Flannagan, Jeannie Hahl, Jeff Halley

Visitors:

None

I. Call to Order and Taking of Attendance

- The November meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order at 3:30 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 October 1, 2013 meeting as written. A motion was made by Jeannie Hahl, seconded by Dr. Sparks and the motion passed.

III. Reports

A. Council Chair (Elaine Sanders)

- No report

B. Dean of the Graduate School

- Dr. Smith made brief remarks regarding the UT System 99 credit hour rule for doctoral students. The Graduate School will be addressing this issue in the future and will be discussing it with the Graduate Council at a later date.

C. Secretary (Vic Heller)

- Dr. Heller reported that currently the Graduate Council continues to lack representation from the departments of Counseling and Mechanical Engineering. Additionally, the Graduate Program Evaluation Committee lacks representation from the College of Architecture and has two At Large openings; and the Graduate Programs and Courses Committee has four At Large openings. He extended an invitation to members to make recommendations to Dr. Sanders, Dr. Smith or him. He will again contact the Counseling and Mechanical Engineering departments for recommendations.

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

- No report

E. Membership Committee (Michael Cepek)

- Dr. Ram Tripathi presented fifteen Special Membership Applications and one Adjunct Faculty Applicant. Discussion addressed the proposed appointment of a Special Membership Applicant with only an undergraduate degree. Dr. Tripathi responded that the committee understood that the applicant was highly respected in his field and this was an atypical appointment. A motion was made by Dr. Tripathi to accept the committee's recommendation, second by Dr. Sparks and unanimously approved by the Council.

F. Committee of Graduate Program Evaluation (Vic Heller)

- No report

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

- No report

IV. Unfinished Business

None

V. New Business

None

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.