Graduate Council Meeting
MINUTES
April 25, 2013
2:00 PM
O’Connor 363
(Buckley Room)

Council Members Present: Richard Balkin, JoAnn Canales, Charles Etheridge, Scott King, Patricia Olenick, Anita Reed, Stephanie Rodriguez, Scott Sherman, Corinne Valadez

Council Members Absent: Robert Cutshall, Bryant Griffith, Dan Jorgensen, Eve Layman, Claudia McDonald, Thomas Naehr, Lee Smee

Ex-officio present: Sherrye Garrett
Ex-officio absent: Christine Shupala

I. Approval of Minutes from 3/28/2013

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.
Moved: The motion was made by Dr. Sherman.
Second: The motion was seconded by Dr. Etheridge.
The minutes, with corrections, were unanimously approved.

II. Subcommittee Reports
A. Curriculum Council – Dr. Chuck Etheridge

1. PhD Geospatial Computing Sciences. Dr. Etheridge contextualized the motion sharing the origin of the program, the process involved and the need to move the proposal forward given the timeline for approval and moved approval for permission for the doctoral program in Geospatial Computing Sciences to move forward with the following changes: change implementation date to Fall of 2015.

Council Members requested that Dr. Canales share a concern with administration about the process. An emerging research institution needs to provide complete documents and sufficient lead time for review.

2. Bilingual Counseling Certificate – Dr. Etheridge recommended approval. Motion carried with one abstention.

B. Graduate Faculty – Dr. Scott Sherman

1. Graduate Faculty Request. Dr. Sherman moved to recommend Dr. Elisabeth Merman-Jozwiak be approved as a special appointment to serve on a dissertation advisory committee after her departure from TAMUCC. Dr. Canales requested that she be appointed as Adjunct Faculty so she could remain a voting member. Motion passed as amended.

2. Graduate Faculty Status Designation. Dr. Sherman recommended approval of new changes to the document since the last approval to include change of office name
and addition of new categories of faculty, i.e., clinical, professional, research. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Matters Arising

A. Distinguished Graduate Student Recognition. Dr. Canales proposed establishing a recognition award for graduate students based on their academic performance. Council members agreed that the diploma and existing ceremonies in the various colleges were sufficient, especially given the grade inflation prominent at the graduate level.

B. Recognition of “departing” Grad Council members. This was tabled for the meeting to be held on May 9.

C. Dr. Sherman provided information on the number of graduating ESLI students (20 of whom the majority are from the College of Business (11) followed by College of Science and Engineering (9)), the number of agents recruiting international students.

D. Dr. Balkin requested clarification on out of state tuition for Teaching Assistants.

IV. Adjournment

Dr. Sherman moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Etheridge seconded.