GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
October 13, 2015

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, October 13, 2015, in BA 343 at 3:00 p.m. with Dean Arlene Horne presiding. Present were: Dr. Laurence Angel, Dr. Megan Burke, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Dr. Gilbert Naizer, Dr. Karen Roggenkamp, Dr. Chester Robinson for Dr. Jennifer Schroeder, Dr. Sonia Taneja, and Dr. Jon Travis. Associate Graduate Dean, Dr. Mary Beth Sampson, and Assistant Graduate Dean, Dr. Paul Zelhart also attended. Absent were Dr. Jessica Brannon-Wranosky, Ms. Josephine Durkin, Dr. Douglas LaVergne, and Dr. Tingxiu Wang.

Action Items
The minutes from the last Graduate Council meeting, September 8, 2015 were reviewed. Dr. Gilbert Naizer made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second from Dr. Jon Travis, and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Committee Report

Committee on Faculty, Research, and Instruction
Dr. Jeff Kopachena presented the committee's recommendation on the applications for Graduate Faculty membership. Dr. Kopachena made a motion to approve, with a second from Dr. Jon Travis, and unanimous approval by the Graduate Council for the following faculty was obtained.

Dr. Deborah Goodwin, Educational Leadership
Dr. Kelly Carrero, Psychology, Counseling, and Special Education
Dr. Atinc Guclu, Management
Dr. Daniel Haskin, Accounting
Dr. Shiyou Li, Accounting
Dr. Lillian Watkins, Theatre

Committee on Administration
Dr. Karen Roggenkamp presented the committee's recommendation for the revisions to the admission requirements for the master's in Applied Linguistics. Dr. Roggenkamp made a motion to approve, with a second from Dr. Jon Travis, and unanimous approval by the Graduate Council was obtained.

Discussion
Dr. Horne began a discussion on the salaries of graduate assistantships. The Graduate Council requested data regarding graduate assistantship salaries from other Texas institutions, including A&M-Commerce peer institutions. Dr. Horne charged the Administration committee with developing a recommendation to increase graduate assistantship salaries at A&M-Commerce and to present the recommendation to the Graduate Council.

Announcements/Updates

- Thesis & Dissertation Services Update
- Grad Expo, November 3, 2015, 4:30 – 7:00, Eastfield College
- Funding Your Future Opportunities
- Enrollment Update

- Nomination and Election Process to Fill Dr. Kurtay Ogunc's position
- Student Elections
- Graduate Assistant Mixer – October 28, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Student Center Ballrooms
- Graduate Assistant Research Symposium, Spring 2016
- Call for Curriculum Changes – September 28, 2015
- Doctoral Reception – Friday, December 18th, 2:00 pm, Student Center Conference Rooms
- Annual Faculty Sponsored Research Awards, November 17, 2015, Student Center Conference
- Federation of North Texas Area Universities – Graduate Student Research Symposium, Spring 2016
- Pathways Student Symposium, October 22-23, 2015, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (approximately 56 students and 8 judges attending)
- List of Faculty Approved for Temporary Graduate Faculty Status
- Next Meeting: November 10, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 4:10 p.m.
Natalie Henderson
Secretary to the Graduate Council