Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Council Members Present: Mary Bantell, JoAnn Canales, Luis Cifuentes, Chuck Etheridge, Jim Gibeaut, Miguel Moreno, Thomas Naehr, Patricia Olenick, Anita Reed, Scott Sherman, Robert Smith, Corinne Valadez.

Council Members Absent: Hongyu Guo, Eve Layman, Jim Lee, Marvarene Oliver, Virginia Wheless

Council Ex-Officio Present: Sherrye Garrett, Sarah Sutton

Note: In the absence of the Chair, Dr. Marvarene Oliver, Dr. Scott Sherman served as chair and called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. He asked those present if they would accept a recommendation to move forward with council business in the absence of a quorum if Dr. Canales would follow-up with those not present to determine their input. All present unanimously agreed.

I. Approval of Minutes from 4/28/11

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Moved: Miguel Moreno

Second: Patricia Olenick

Mary Bantell asked that Grad Council members be replaced by ITDEC members under the Matters arising item. Scott Sherman’s name was added to the Adjournment item.

Unanimous approval to approve as amended.
II. Committee Report
   A. Graduate Faculty – Dr. Scott Sherman
      Dr. Sherman recommended the following individuals for Graduate Faculty Status for three years
      CLA
      Dr. Amy Houlihan
      Dr. Sandrine Sanos
      S&T
      Dr. Joanna Mott – Associate Graduate Faculty
      Dr. Hudson DeYoe – Special Appointment

III. Recognition of Graduate Council Members – Dr. Luis Cifuentes
      Dr. Cifuentes acknowledged the five council members whose terms were expiring and thanked them for their contributions to Graduate Council. The members and their colleges included:
      COB – Dr. Scott Sherman
      COE – Dr. Robert Smith
      CLA – Dr. Chuck Etheridge (has been reelected to serve on Grad Council)
      CONHS – Dr. Eve Layman
      S&T – Dr. Hongyu Guo

IV. Matters Arising

      Dr. Canales shared that meetings to discuss the new course approval process and the catalog copy approval process would be set for the early part of the summer.

      Dr. Cifuentes shared that RGS would be undertaking a strategic planning process over the summer to address internal operations of graduate studies, research development and sponsored projects as well as administrative support for the undergraduate research experience.

V. Adjournment – Dr. Moreno moved to adjourn the meeting @ 9:40 a.m.