

2016 GRADUATE COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Dr James Garvey at 09:50.

Members Present: Sue Rimmer, Constantine Hatziaioniu, Norman Carver, Wesley Calvert, Lahiri Sajal, Ras Michael Brown, Trish McCubbin, Dianah McGreehan, Sheena Hart, Justin Simpson, Jonathan Howard, Johnathan Flowers, Zhao Wanli, Cynthia Sims, Cinzia Padovani, Joseph Shapiro, Richard McKinnies, Julie Partridge, Kenneth Stickers, Rachel Whaley, Jennifer Smith, Ratna Sinha, Tomas Velasco.

Members Absent: Greg Rose, Howard Motyl, Richard Bradley.

Proxies: Charles Ruffner for Clay Nielsen, Prema Narayan for Buffy Ellsworth.

Ex-Officio Members Present: James Garvey.

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Randy Dunn, Brad Colwell, Susan Ford, James Allen, Andy Wang, Yueh-Ting Lee.

Introduction of new members- Interim Vice Chancellor for Research, Dr Garvey

Dr Garvey introduced himself to the Council and asked the members to sign the attendance sheet.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair - Interim Vice Chancellor for Research, Dr Garvey

Dr Garvey called for nominations for Chair of the Graduate Council. Tomas Velasco was nominated and then elected as the Chair of the Graduate Council unanimously by show of hands. Julie Partridge was elected as Vice-Chair of the Graduate Council unanimously by show of hands.

Adoption of Robert's Rules – Graduate Council Chair, Professor Velasco

Professor Velasco opened the meeting. A motion was made and a vote unanimously taken to adopt the Robert's Rules.

Schedule of meetings - Professor Velasco

Professor Velasco mentioned a proposal made that Council members meet over summer break. The issue was discussed and a motion was made followed by a unanimous vote to not meet over summer break. The Council felt that it was not necessary to meet since the funds received from the State had lessened the panic and also because faculty is not paid to work over break.

A motion was made to meet on the first Thursday of the month, except over summer break. The Council members voted for the motion with only one member opposed. The motion carried.

Committee Preference

A paper was passed around for Council members to choose a committee on which they wish to serve.

R. Whaley asked whether there is a description of the committees and was advised that the Operating Paper contains the description. She was also advised on how to find the Operating Paper.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05.