

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE FACULTY COUNCIL

August 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Merle Olson, Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, at 3:05 pm in the Graduate Dean's Conference Room, 414A.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Professors Barnes, Christy, G. Clarke, Cunningham, Haldenwang, Lichtenstein, Mealy, Naylor, Olson, Piña, N. Robinson, L. Smith, and Mr. Leland Page

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Professors Blake, Dean, D. Lee, Murphy, B. Robinson, and Thomas

GUESTS: none

1. The minutes of the July 11, 2008 meeting were approved.
2. The handout describing actions taken since July 11, 2008, was distributed and discussed. The following students were recommended and unanimously approved by the GFC to be awarded the designated degree:

Candidate	Program	Degree	Defense Date	Mentor	Title	New Position
Animesh Choubey	Biomedical Engineering	PhD	7/16/08	Eugene Sprague	Grain Boundary Etched 316L Stainless Steel (SS) Surfaces for Cardiovascular Stents	Seeking a position in the biomedical industry
Kihak Lee	Biomedical Engineering	PhD	7/23/08	Peter Fox	A Positron-Probe System for Arterial Input Function Quantification for Positron Emission Tomography	Will continue to work at the Research Imaging Center
Felipe Salinas	Biomedical Engineering	PhD	7/30/08	Jack Lancaster	3-Dimensional Modeling of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation: Design and Application	Applied for faculty position in the Physics Dept. at UTSA; has been offered a post-doctoral position at Los Alamos National Lab in Los Alamos, NM

Qian Wang	Biomedical Engineering	PhD	7/29/08	H. Ralph Rawls	Effect of Molecular Order on Photopolymerization Behavior and Polymer Properties of Liquid Crystal Monomers	Has been offered a temporary research fellow position at UTHSCSA in Restorative Dentistry starting September 2008
Emily Copes Rhodes	CSBL	PhD	7/11/08	Robin Leach	The Role of Sequestosome 1 (SQSTM1) in Paget's Disease of Bone	Post-doctoral fellowship with Dr. Teresa Pais-Johnson in Pediatrics, UTHSCSA
Jennifer Apodaca	Molecular Medicine	PhD	5/27/08	Hai Rao	Regulation of Prion Protein in Yeast and Mammalian Cells Via Ubiquitin Mediated Degradation	Entering the Physician's Assistant Program at UTHSCSA
Tushar Advani	Pharmacology	PhD	7/9/08	Julie Hensler	Brain Derived Neurotrophic Factor Deficient Mouse: A Putative Model of Allostatic Overload	Post-doctoral fellow with Dr. Wouter Koek, Psychiatry, UTHSCSA
David Petrik	Physiology	PhD	7/28/08	Robert Brenner	The Role of the β_4 Subunit in Phosphorylation of Calcium Activated Potassium (BK)	Post-doctoral fellow in the lab of Dr. Amelia Eisch, U.T. Southwestern, Dallas
Maxwell Amurao	Radiological Sciences	PhD	7/25/08	Gary Fullerton	Investigation Collagen Hydration with Microcomputed Tomography	Not available
Harry Stinger	Clinical Investigation	MS		Steven E. Wolf	The Ration of Fibrinogen to Red Cells Transfused Affects Survival in Casualties Receiving Massive Transfusions at an Army Combat Support Hospital (<i>Submitted: The Journal of Trauma Injury, Infection and Care</i>)	Chief, Trauma Critical Care Surgery; William Beaumont Army Medical Ctr., El Paso, TX

Stephen Kraus	Clinical Investigation	MS		Ian M. Thompson	(<i>Submitte: Annals of Internal Medicin</i>))	Associate Professor and Vice Chair of Urology
Ali Hamidaddin	Dental Diagnostic Science	MS	6/9/08	Robert Langlais	A Clinical Comparison of Two Modalities of Digital Panoramic Radiography, Bite-Wing Radiography, and Full Mouth Series in the Detection of Proximal Dental Caries and Alveolar Bone Loss	Interviewing at Howard Univ. in Washington DC, and also looking into a possible private radiology practice
Ryan Lee	Dental Diagnostic Science	MS	7/16/08	Pirkka Nummikoski	Standardization of Cone Beam Computed Tomography Density Measurements	Private Practice in Hawaii
Sima Sohrabi	Dental Hygiene	MS	7/16/08	Magda de la Torre	The Extent of Geriatric Education in Dental Hygiene Programs in the State of Texas	Teaching at Austin Comm. College in Austin (Dental Hygiene program) and continuing to work at a private practice in Austin. She will also serve as the President of the Austin Dental Hygienists' Society

In absence of a Nursing School Representative at GFC, a vote was taken and the majority approved the motion to award the Master of Science in Nursing degree for the following individuals:

Kimberly Lanlinais	Wendi L. Olds
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3. Dr. Lichtenstein opened discussions regarding distance education possibilities for military trainees enrolled in the MSCI program. Technology issues were addressed, as well as the venue for research education and co-mentors. The registrar's office would need to address the classification of enrolled student for this class, possibly "special student." Dr. Clarke expressed interest in discussing further details with Dr. Lichtenstein regarding distance education.
4. Announcements:
 - a. Dr. Barnes discussed the Fall Orientation schedule for the IMGP.
 - b. Dr. Olson reminded all members that all faculty and students are required to attend Convocation on August 22, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in room 309L. Dr. Christi Walter of CSB will be this year's Convocation Speaker. All faculty and guests must obtain a meal ticket from the Graduate Dean's Office. Bill Miller's BBQ is catering.

- c. The first day of class is August 25, 2008, tuition and fees are due Friday. August 22nd is the deadline to avoid the \$100 late fee.
5. Dr. Olson concluded the meeting with a generous "thank you" to all GFC members for their dedicated service in GFC as Dr. Olson prepares for official retirement from the UTHSC. Dr. Olson announced that either Dr. Robert Reddick, Interim Dean for the Graduate School, or Dr. Larry Barnes will Chair future GFC meetings.
6. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle S. Olson, Ph.D.
Professor and Dean

Recorded by: Kelley D. Fuhrbach