To: Graduate Council
From: Dr. Harvey Knull
Subject: Graduate Council Minutes 05/4/06

Council Members present: Janet Banks, Jack Cassidy, Sam Hill, Dulal Kar, Harvey Knull, Joanna Mott, Barbra Riley, and Scott Sherman, Steve Southern, Sharon Talley, Philippe Tissot, and Elaine Yellen.

Council members absent: Chuleeporn Changchit, Vivian Dawkins, Tim McCoy and Caroline Sherritt.


Approval of minutes - The minutes for the meeting on 02/09/06 were distributed via email. After some discussion the following motion was.

Motion – To approve minutes of 02/09/06.
Moved – Sharon Talley; second – Steve Southern; unanimous approval.

SAC’s Subcommittee Updates

1. Dr. Knoll elaborated on the SAC update – some items will continue the next academic year
2. The document for the graduate faculty was approved and it will circulate to all Graduate Council members.

Nursing Proposal
The College of Nursing & Health Sciences requested new courses be added to the current Clinical Nurse Specialist curriculum to meet the national educational standards for CNS in Adult Medical Surgical Nursing and to support eligibility for prescriptive authority by the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners.

Motion – To approve the Nursery proposal as submitted.
Moved – Janet Banks; second – Elaine Yellen; unanimous approval.

Curriculum & Instruction proposal – There was discussion regarding how this program has evolved into a research degree producing future professors. According to representatives from the program, about ½ of the CINS students have presented nationally, 2 internationally and many have publications. After
some discussion regarding this program, the following motion was made. A change needs to be made on pages 4&5 to address the classifying the GAP.

**Motion** – To approve the motion to change Curriculum & Instruction from an EdD to a PhD doctoral program with minor changes.

**Moved** – Jack Cassidy; second – Elaine Yellen; unanimous approval.

**GIS/GSE Update** – Dr. Knull will address the issues with GIS/GSE when he has received permission to plan for THECB. The Graduate Studies and Research office will check on the status.

**Meeting adjourned**

**cc: Provost**

**College Deans**