

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO  
SENATE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE**

The Senate Graduate and Professional Committee met on Thursday, May 5, 2011, in Scholes Hall, Room 101.

**Members Present:** Geoff Adams, \*Robben Baca, Janie Chermak, Michele Chwastiak, \*John Cornish, \*Gary Harrison, Steven Homer, Claudia Isaac (chair), Dena Kinney, Megan Thompson, Mindy Tinkle, Linney Wix, and \*Amy Wohlert

**Members Excused:** \*Wynn Goering, Astrid Kodric-Brown, and Wennie Shu

**Members Absent:** Jim Boone, \*Alex Gonzalez, and Megan McRobert

(\* Indicates non-voting member)

**Minutes:**

Steven Homer moved approval of the April 21, 2011 minutes. Linney Wix seconded the motion; the minutes were approved.

**Joint Degree Proposal with Shanghai Jiao Tong University:**

Chair Isaac summarized the information provided by Chuck Fleddermann and Wennie Shu regarding the quality and appropriateness of the partnership of a joint degree with UNM Electrical & Computer Engineering MS and PhD with Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Michele Chwastiak moved approval of the proposal, Geoff Adams seconded the motion; the proposal was approved.

**Chair Election:**

Isaac nominated Linney Wix as chair of SGPC. By acclamation the committee appointed Linney Wix as the next chair.

**Reports:**

**OGS:**

Dean Wohlert reported that Graduate Studies is busy with routine end of semester tasks. She attended the teaching awards ceremony; at which 5 graduate students were awarded the TA award.

Gary Harrison reported that 517 graduate students will be graduated this Spring semester. Homer asked if the committee needs to approve the list of potential graduates. Isaac recalls this was a regulation at one point. Robben Baca will research and determine if this is a current regulation or if a change in policy was voted on.

**SGPC:**

Chair Isaac thanked the committee for their time and efforts. The members thanked Isaac for her excellent service as chair and the many years she has served on the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 a.m.