

MEETING OF THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

DATE: April 8, 2010
TIME: 2:35 pm
PLACE: San Saba room, University Center
PRESIDING: Greg Frazier, Presiding Chair

ATTENDING: Edith Barrett John Garrigus Steve Mattingly
 Myrtle Bell Joan Rycraft Tim Morris
 Beverly Black Sheik Imrhan Taner Ozdil
 Philip Cohen Raymond Jackson Gerald Saxon
 Gautam Das Andrzej Korzeniowski Mary Schira
 Greg Frazier Neill Matheson Craig Slinkman

Guests: Mary Lynn Crow, Provost Bobbitt, Jennifer Gray, John Smith

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Graduate Assembly was called to order at 2:35 pm by Presiding Chair, Dr. Greg Frazier.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 11, 2009 Graduate Assembly Meeting approved as submitted.

The February 11, 2010 meeting was cancelled, and the Fast Track proposal for Business UG with MA Economics was voted on and approved by the Graduate Assembly via email.

Words from Provost Bobbitt

Provost Bobbitt spoke briefly to the members of the Graduate Assembly noting the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board accepted UT Arlington's Strategic Plan as submitted as a goal to move to Tier I; the current budget challenges facing the State of Texas as well as UT Arlington and various incentives to reduce the budget shortfall.

III. Report of the Graduate Dean – Dr. Philip Cohen

- Dean Cohen announced three new programs including the new enhanced doctoral GTAs with competitive stipends and tuition fellowships, the new Dissertation Summer Fellowship program, and the new IENGAGE Mentoring program, modeled after the McNair Program.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Program Creation – Dr. Beverly Black, Chair

- The proposal for School Counseling Certificate was unanimously approved by the Graduate Assembly.
- The proposal for Master of Education in Mind, Brain, and Education was unanimously approved by the Graduate Assembly.
- The proposal for MS in Nursing – Executive Nursing Administration was unanimously approved by the Graduate Assembly.
- The Fast Track Proposal – BS and MS in Modern Languages was not ready to submit to the committee, and could be voted on via email during the summer.

B. Committee on Graduate Students – Dr. Andrzej Korzeniowski, Chair

- UTA Honor Code – The Graduate Assembly discussed the UT Arlington Honor Code noting it is a good code if implemented, but the question remained as to enforcement. Additional discussion included; language clarity and simplifying much like Rice and Texas A&M to “Do Not Cheat” and identify the university division(s) or peers to enforce the policy. Provost Bobbitt explained that UT Systems sees legal issues with a student run Honor Code system, but may be implemented with faculty and students. The committee agreed to seek additional input and review in the fall.

C. Committee on Program Revision – Dr. Neill Matheson, Chair

- Update on the discussions in progress-number of dissertation hours in final semester – The Graduate Assembly discussed the number of dissertation hours a student is currently required to take and the impact of reducing the hours from 9 to 6 or 3. Dean Cohen agreed to discuss the reduction of dissertations hours in the final semester with chairs and share that information with the Assembly in the fall.

V. Report of the Chair – Dr. Greg Frazier

- Updated proposal to reapportion Graduate Assembly Membership (change to College of Nursing) - The Graduate Assembly unanimously approved to increase CON seats on the Assembly from 1 to 3.
- Updated Guidelines for Graduate Assembly Review of Proposed Graduate Degree Programs and Certificates – The Graduate Assembly unanimously approved the Guidelines for Graduate Assembly Review of Proposed Graduate Degree Programs and Certificates as revised.

VI. Report of Graduate Student Senate Representative

No report.

VII. New Business

No report.

VIII. Old Business – Dr. Greg Frazier

Please direct any information regarding the UT Arlington Honor Code to Dr. Jennifer Gray.

All current GA members are scheduled to return next year. The GA will increase by two new members from the College of Nursing and two new members from the College of Education and Health Professions.

The standing Graduate Assembly members were acknowledged for their work in academic year 2009/10.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:
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