

MEETING OF THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

DATE: October 7, 2010
TIME: 2:35 pm
PLACE: San Saba room, University Center
PRESIDING: Greg Frazier, Presiding Chair

ATTENDING: Donelle Barnes	John Garrigus	Tim Morris
Edith Barrett	Lori Jacobs	Taner Ozdil
Myrtle Bell	Jennifer Gray	Mary Schira
Beverly Black	James Hardy	Craig Slinkman
Philip Cohen	Raymond Jackson	
Gautam Das	Andrzej Korzeniowski	
Doreen Elliott	Neill Matheson	
Greg Frazier	Steve Mattingly	

Guests: Fran Davis, Paula Amano, and Barbara Tobolowsky

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. Welcome to New Members

Graduate Assembly Presiding Chair, Greg Frazier welcomed the new members, visitors and guests to the first meeting of the Graduate Assembly for AY 11.

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the April 8, 2010 Graduate Assembly Meeting approved as submitted.

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

- Dean Cohen highlighted the preliminary enrollment numbers for Fall 2010: including a 3% increase in non Academic Partnership enrollments. He also discussed the current initiative to reach 200 PhDs conferred annually through a combination of improved doctoral student funding and improved recruiting and retention practices.

V. Committee Reports

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

- The Fast Track Proposal – BS and MS in Civil Engineering was unanimously approved by the Graduate Assembly.
- The proposal for MS in Social Work and Master of Public Health joint degree program was unanimously approved by the Graduate Assembly.
- The proposal for Certificate in Applied Statistics was unanimously approved by the Graduate Assembly.

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

- GTA vs. GRA duties and responsibilities – The Graduate Assembly was updated on the committee's research on a national survey of 15 schools to determine increased emphasis on research. The committee is waiting on additional information from the OGS. Survey results will be disseminated and presented

to the GA.

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

- Update on the discussions in the 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. The GA discussed the reduction of dissertations hours in the final semester and unanimously approved the proposal. The OGS will share this proposal with the Office of Financial Aid and the Office of International Education to determine whether this change will jeopardize student financial aid or immigration status.

VI. Report of the Chair – Dr. Greg Frazier

- The GA Chair, Greg Frazier thanked the committees for their hard work.

VII. Report of Graduate Student Senate Representative

- Graduate Student Senate representative to the GA Lorie Jacobs was introduced.
She noted the GSS was currently assessing the path they would take this academic year as well as current issues. She noted the GSS membership is growing.

VIII. New Business

No report.

IX. Old Business – Dr. Greg Frazier

No report.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:
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