MEETING OF THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

DATE:    April 14, 2011
TIME:    2:30 pm
PLACE:    San Saba room, University Center
PRESIDING: Beverly Black, Acting Chair

ATTENDING: Donelle Barnes  James Hardy  Mary Schira
           Edith Barrett  John Holbrook  Lori Jacobs
           Myrtle Bell  Sheik Imrhan
           Beverly Black  Joe Jackson
           Lori Jacobs  Andrzej Korzeniowski
           Philip Cohen  Neill Matheson
           Gautam Das  Steve Mattingly
           Doreen Elliott  Taner Ozdil
           John Garrigus  Kim Ruebel
           Jennifer Gray  Gerald Saxon

Guest(s): Alisa Johnson

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Graduate Assembly was called to order at 2:30 pm by Acting Chair, Beverly Black.

II. Consideration of Minutes

Minutes from the February 20, 2011 were unanimously approved.

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

Dean Cohen gave power point presentation to the GA for plans to increase the number of Ph. D graduates. The goal in 2020 is graduate 200 Ph. D students. This is part the university’s strategic goal to advance in the emerging research university competition.

IV. Committee Reports

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

Superintendent Certificate program proposal unanimously approved.

The revised guidelines for the Fast Track program proposal was discussed. The committee recommended the following changes:
(1) 30 hours of study at UTA with a 3.2 GPA or better; (2) overall GPA for all college courses of at least 3.2, (3) only 9 -credit hours may be used as joint credit hours for an undergraduate and graduate degree; and (4) updated fast track requirements be applied to all programs (“No Grandfathering” in of programs).

The revised guidelines for the Fast Track program was returned to the Committee on Program Creation for further review.

B. Committee on Graduate Students – Dr. Andrzej Korzeniowski, Chair
An update was given to the survey results on the GTA vs. GRA duties and responsibilities. The GA uniamouly approved the report which would be disseminated into the catalogs once approved by Systems.

C. Committee on Program Revision – Dr. Neill Matheson, Chair
No committee report.

V. Report of the Chair – Dr. Beverly Black on behalf of Greg Frazier
Dr. Black reported the 3-year term on the Graduate Assembly will end this summer for: Drs. Beverly Black, Gautam Das, Doreen Elliott, Greg Frazier and Mary Schira. Drs. Black, Das and Elliott are eligible for re-election to a second term.

VI. Report of Graduate Student Senate Representative- Lorie Jacobs
GSS Representative Lorie Jacobs reported on the budget issues currently facing the GSS and noted a request to the OGS may be forthcoming to supplement printing costs for GTAs.

VII. Old Business –
No report.

VIII. Election of Officers (Chair and Vice Chair)
Dr. Black was unanimously elected as Chair to the Graduate Assembly. Dr. Jennifer Gray was unanimously elected as Vice Chair to the Graduate Assembly.

IX. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
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