

**MEETING OF THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON**

DATE: October 6, 2011
TIME: 2:35 pm
PLACE: San Saba Room, University Center
PRESIDING: Beverly Black, Presiding Chair

ATTENDING: Julie Alexander, Mindi Anderson, Donelle Barnes, Myrtle Bell, Joan Blakey, Karishma Chatterjee, John Garrigus, Jennifer Gray, James Hardy, Rod Hissong, Lori Jacobs, Andrzej Korzeniowski, Neill Matheson, Steve Mattingly, Ann McFadyen, Tanner Ozdil, Mark Ricard, Kim Ruebel
Guest(s): Stathis Meletis and Atilla Dogan

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Graduate Assembly was called to order at 2:30 pm by Presiding Chair, Dr. Beverly Black. Dr. Black welcomed new and returning members of the Graduate Assembly for the new academic year.

II. Introductions

Members of the Graduate Assembly introduced themselves and identified the department they represent.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Minutes from the April 14, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Program Creation – Dr. Jennifer Gray, Chair

Fast Track Program Guidelines

The revised Fast Track Program Guidelines were discussed. Discussion focused on:(1) number of credits that could be jointly used at the undergraduate and graduate level; (2) change in GPA requirement; and (3) revised guidelines applying to all programs retroactively with the ability of program to apply for an exception if they had strong evidence that other universities had a fast track program with similar joint credits permitted; students who entered in an existing program would finish under the current guidelines.

Five motions were made in regard to Fast Track Program:

1. Nine (9) joint credits permitted (credits counting toward a graduate and undergraduate degree) in the Fast Track Program. Undergraduate courses cannot be applied to graduate program. Motion carried.
2. Raise the GPA from 3.2 to 3.3 for 9 hours of pre-requisite course work, all completed course work at UTA, and overall GPA. Motion unanimously approved.

3. New Fast Track Program guidelines will become effective beginning Fall 2012. Students currently in Fast Track programs will complete the degree under the guidelines in effect when they were admitted to the program. Fast Track students have until December 2014 to complete their degrees. Catalog would impact existing and new programs. Motion unanimously approved.
4. Programs could apply for an exception to Fast Track Program guidelines if a rationale provided for not adhering to the guidelines. Motion carried.
5. Graduate Dean will ask existing Fast Track Programs not meeting the revised guidelines to modify their programs to be consistent with the new Fast Track Program guidelines. Motion carried.

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

No report. Waiting for any follow-up issues from last year with GRA/GTA.

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

No report.

V. Idea of the Chair – Dr. Beverly Black

Dr. Black suggested members of the Graduate Assembly present a brief showcase of a program relevant to graduate education each meeting. The committee expressed an interest.

VI. Report of Graduate Student Senate Representative – Lori Jacobs

Invitation to the GA to attend the Graduate Student Mixer on October 12; Dean Cohen is scheduled to meet with the GSS to share initiatives to reach Tier I status; Dean Cohen is scheduled for a Deans Forum to discuss the EGTA Program; the results of the Graduate Student Survey presented the following needs for graduate students: 1) Designated study space exclusive to graduate students 2) Graduate Services Professional support from Career Services with participation in the Edge Workshops. GSS meeting media is now available via a live feed blog available on TV. Research is underway to determine if changes are necessary to the UG Student Congress Constitution as it current has the authority to override the GSS.

VII. New Business

No report.

VIII. Old Business

No report.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

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