

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

DATE: February 9, 2012
TIME: 2:35 pm
PLACE: San Saba Room, University Center
PRESIDING: Beverly Black, Presiding Chair

ATTENDING: Julie Alexander, Mindi Anderson, Donelle Barnes, Myrtle Bell, Beverly Black, Karishma Chatterjee, Philip Cohen, John Garrigus, Jennifer Gray, James Hardy, Sheik Imrhan, Raymond Jackson, Andrzej Korzeniowski, Neill Matheson, Steve Mattingly, Glen Mattioli, Tanner Ozdil

Guest(s): Dr. David Silva, John Smith, Krista Torralva, Barbara Becker, Heather Snow, James Welch, Marianne Vallejo

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 announced to the GA that the content of motions need to be stated clearly so that information may be recorded correctly in the minutes.

II. Introductions

The Presiding Chair welcomed the guests and had them introduce themselves to the assembly.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Minutes from the October 6, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

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

Dr. Cohen noted that spring graduate student enrollment was stable. He noted the School of Social Work plans to offer an online MSSW program, but not through Academic Partnership. He also noted that the College of Engineering is developing an online MS degree for working professionals.

V. Committee Reports

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

- Proposal for Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies: Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies –

James Welch presented the GA with a proposal for a new Master's in Interdisciplinary Studies program to replace the program that SUPA was previously offering. The new program has an improved core curriculum and structure. The target population includes students interested in careers in sustainability, including some who are already working in the field. Students in the undergraduate interdisciplinary program have also expressed interest in the program. The curriculum for both the MS and MA tracks includes courses in quantitative and qualitative methods. The revised degree is a two year program with 36 hours of required curriculum. The Committee on the Program Creation voted to support the proposal.

The GA unanimously approved.

- Fast Track Program revision

In the October meeting, the Fast Track Program guidelines were revised to include the following requirements: 1) 3.3 GPA; 2) Applicable to the last 15 hours; 3) Only up to nine shared hours between undergraduate and graduate programs; 4) Only graduate hours can be applied to undergraduate degrees; not undergraduate hours to graduate fast track program. However, due to the fact that these guidelines were in violation to current policy, the Graduate Program Creation committee proposed

9 hours of combined undergraduate and graduate hours could be applied to both degrees.

The committee proposed this revision to be consistent with the Graduate Catalog policy that allows undergraduate students to reserve 9 hours for credit on a graduate degree.

The GA approved the revision.

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

- Final Approval Document of MS-Thesis/PhD-Dissertation
The committee met to discuss the development of a one page electronic approval process that may replace the current paper and email process.

Dean Jackson agreed to review with the OGS Tech Group to determine if an electronic approval process can be developed with the needed security and with the possibility of using DSPro via a MyMav Portal.

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

No report.

V. Report of the Chair – Dr. Beverly Black

- University Honor Code – Presented by Dr. David Silva
Dr. Silva presented the Honor Code Task Force's new University Honor Code (UHC). The UHC was developed with input from the Graduate and Undergraduate students, Faculty Senate, Student Congress and various campus focus groups. The UHC will be implemented in fall 2012 and presented at New Student Orientations. The UHC is available for posting within Blackboard. Additional website development will occur over the summer to support the effort. Dr. Silva noted this will be a cultural change. The local media (WFAA) noted the initiative and linked it to a nationwide program.

VI. Report of Graduate Student Senate Representative – Lori Jacobs

Lori Jacobs resigned from her position as GSS representative to the GA and is replaced by Marianna Vallejo as the GSS Representative to the GA. Vallejo noted the GSS will be available to assist with ACES next month. She also noted that the GSS met with the Student Congress regarding the graduate student membership noted in the constitution. A committee will be formed to review

and make any necessary revision.

VII. New Business

No report.

VIII. Old Business

No report.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectively Submitted:
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