

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

DATE: April 4, 2013
TIME: 2:35 pm
PLACE: San Saba Room, University Center
PRESIDING: Beverly Black, Chair

ATTENDING: Mindi Anderson, Saimak Ardekani, Pranesh Aswath, Jennifer Gray, Jim Hardy, Raymond Jackson, Peter Kroll, Steve Mattingly, Taner Ozdil, Sophia Passy, Mark Ricard, Douglas Stotter

Guest(s): Ron Elsenbaumer, Provost and Vice Present for Academic Affairs, Kristine Sullivan, Assistant Vice President, Office of University Communications, Clint Chamberland for Rebecca Bichel, Central Library, Andrew Whittemore for Rod Hissong, Urban and Public Affairs, John Crowley from the Shorthorn, Shelly Williams, Michael Minaii

I. Call to Order

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

II. Introductions

Dr. Black welcomed and introduced guests to the Graduate Assembly.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Minutes from the October 4, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

IV. Report from the Graduate School – Dr. David Silva

Not available for the meeting.

Report from the Graduate School - Reorganization of the Office of the Provost – Dr. Ron Elsenbaumer

Provost Elsenbaumer discussed the reorganization of the Office of the Provost and the process which included the realignment of the Office of Graduate Studies and Honor's College. He noted the Graduate Assembly will remain as an institutional function. Details of the reorganization and the realignment can be found on the Office of the Provost's website under the icon Messages/Related Links.
<http://www.uta.edu/provost/messages/index.php>

Update from Associate Graduate Dean – Dr. Raymond Jackson

Dr. Jackson, noted that if Dr. Cohen were present, he would commend the GA as a body who promotes and develops graduate students on this campus as shown by your commitment.

Dr. Jackson noted Dr. Silva is the interim Dean in the Graduate School during the Provost's reorganization. Everything continues to move forward and business is as usual.

V. Committee Reports

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

- Proposal for Establishment of a Masters of Construction Management Degree, Department of Civil Engineering.

The lectures will be delivered on-line. The degree does not require the student to be present on a UT campus to take final exams. Tests are given at a specific location and monitored by test proctors. This is considered an Association Base Certification with examination available all over the US. This is a 30 hour degree within Civil Engineering without a thesis option. There will not be a fast track program.

The Proposal for a Master of Construction Management Degree was unanimously approved.

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

No report.

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

No report.

VI. Report of Graduate Student Senate Representative – Mariana Vallejo

Not available for the meeting.

VII. New Business – Dr. Jennifer Gray

At this time, there is not a quorum present to hold the elections for officers for AY 13/14. Dr. Gray noted due to her new duties she would not be available to chair the GA. Steve Mattingly was nominated and agreed to serve as the chair of the GA. Due to the lack of a Quorum, the voting for chair of GA will occur at the first meeting of GA in fall 2013.

VII. Old Business

No report.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Respectful Submitted
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Office of Graduate Studies
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