

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

**DATE:** November 6, 2014  
**TIME:** 2:40 pm  
**PLACE:** San Saba Room, University Center  
**PRESIDING:** Stephen Mattingly, Presiding Chair

**ATTENDING:** Pranesh Aswath, Deborah Behan, Jennifer Gray, Raymond Jackson, David Keller, Christopher Kribs, Wasiu Lawal, Stephen Mattingly, Taner Ozdil, Sophia Passy, Panos Shiakolas, Douglas Stotter

Guest(s): Antoninette Nelson for Rebecca Bichel, Joslyn Krismer for Dale Wasson, Mark Ricard, Department of Kinesiology

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Graduate Assembly was called to order at 2:40 pm by chair, Dr. Stephen Mattingly.

**II. Introductions**

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

**III. Consideration of Minutes**

The minutes from the October 2, 2014 were not available for review. The October minutes will be reviewed at the next scheduled Graduate Assembly Meeting.

**IV. Old Business**

**1. Voting details from summer e-mail votes**

The GA approved the IMSE, EE and CSE proposals for the unmanned Vehicle Systems in July, 2014. A request for the tally of the votes was requested at the last GA meeting. The vote tally was: Seventeen votes to approve IMSE, EE and CSE UVS certificates, Zero votes against, one abstain. Eight votes to approve MAE with reservations, seven votes to approve MAE without reservations, one abstain and one vote against approval

**V. Update from Associate Graduate Dean – Dr. Raymond Jackson**

Dr. Jackson updated the GA on UT System's interest in sitting up a system-wide non-academic career advisement center for graduate students. Faculty who are not comfortable with non-academic career advising can guide students to the

Versatile Ph.D. website, which provides information on career options, employment and job market interests. A career center may develop career relationship as well as business relationship with the university.

Dr. Jackson also updated the GA on EXIT Surveys for graduate students that leave the University. The surveys will capture information for analysis. A survey of universities using this strategy is being discussed.

UT System is discussing standardizing graduate admission requirements. This includes graduate admissions requirements, test scores, and graduate student policies. This is part of the Seven Bullet Points Guidelines set up by UT Systems. It was noted by the GA a one size fits all component may not be the best for the graduate students.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

### **A. Committee on Program Creation – Dr. Taner Ozdil, Chair**

#### **1. Proposal on Ph.D. in Kinesiology**

The GA noted the new name for the College of Nursing is the College of Nursing and Healthcare Innovation. The new title will be updated on the proposal.

Proposal unanimously approved.

#### **2. Proposal on Fast Track Program with Physics Undergraduate Degree and Master's Degree in Material Science and Engineering.**

Proposal unanimously approved.

### **B. Committee on Graduate Students – Dr. Rod Hissong, Chair**

No report.

### **C. Committee on Program Revision – Dr. Sophia Passy, Chair**

No report.

### **D. Committee on Theses and Dissertations – Dr. Ron Hissong, Chair**

#### **1. Paper-based Theses and Dissertation**

The first committee meeting is scheduled on November 18. An invitation is extended to anyone from the Program Revision Committee to attend and participate.

### **E. Committee on Graduate Assembly By-Laws – Dr. Peter Kroll, Chair**

1. **Graduate Assembly Membership** – A request was made for committee membership.

**VII. Report of the Graduate Student Senate Representative – Wasiu Lawal**

Wasiu Lawal, GSS President, reported the Graduate Student Senate is being encouraged to be active in the GSS. The bonus for being active in the GSS is funding for graduate student travel for research. The travel program is called Travel Awards for Graduate Student Senate (TAGSS). Dr. Jackson offered to mentor on the protocol for submitting items to Graduate Assembly i.e. agenda items and speakers.

**VIII. New Business – Dr. Steve Mattingly**

1. Dr. Tanner Ozdil - Requested input on how to determine graduate faculty status. At this time, a comprehensive report is not available. Dr. Jackson noted that HOP needs to be updated to reflect the policy and procedures to obtain graduate faculty status. Also noting, there are several paths to graduate faculty status. This is a project the GA should review.

A motion was made and seconded for an ad hoc committee to investigate. Dr. Ozdil agreed to chair the committee, with assistance from the Program Review Committee and chair, Dr. Passy. The committee is encouraged to contact Dr. Silva for information.

**IX. Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Knight  
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