

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

**DATE:** November 5, 2015  
**TIME:** 2:33 pm  
**PLACE:** San Saba Room, University Center  
**PRESIDING:** Rod Hissong, Presiding Chair

**ATTENDING:** Ali Abolmaali, Pranesh Aswath, Bradley Davis, Rod Hissong, Raymond Jackson, David Keller, Douglas Klahr, Peter Kroll, Andrew Milson, Diane Mitschke, Sophia Passy, Barbara Raudonis, Terry Skantz, Vivian Ta

Guest(s): Janet Wehner, Brenda Davis

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Graduate Assembly was called to order at 2:33 pm by chair, Dr. Rod Hissong.

**II. Introductions**

Dr. Hissong welcomed guests to the Graduate Assembly.

**III. Consideration of Minutes**

The minutes from the April 2, 2015 and October 2, 2015 unanimously approved.

**IV. Dr. Duane Dimos, Vice President for Research**

Dr. Dimos reported he is working with the President's Office to determine ways the Graduate School can better serve the campus noting the capabilities for the office, investigating ideas for key functions for the Graduate School, what we can do now and later including adding key positions. The vision for new Graduate School is better partnering with other campus leaders. One key area is support and funding for graduate programs supporting university initiatives.

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

Dr. Jackson reminded the GA of the TAGGS program available to graduate students to assist with travel to conferences to present their research.

Dr. Jackson presented an update to the GA from the Commission on Higher Education focusing on graduate education. The concern is for funding new graduate proposals and continued support for current programs from the TCB requiring state funding. There is a need for evidence that current and new

programs can be sustained.

Dr. Jackson also shared information regarding student debt and job opportunities. Nationally, the opportunity to secure an academic job is getting smaller. More PhD's are offered in Texas than California. The question is how to make UT Arlington's PhD programs stand out statewide and nationally. You are encouraged to pay more attention to proposals for new programs that address the competitiveness between academic and non-academic careers.

New questions from the TCB for PhD programs include:

1. Texas program
2. Job program and employment
3. Applicants and similarities to other programs outside of Texas
4. National competitiveness

## **VI. Committee Reports**

### **A. Committee on Program Creation – Dr. Peter Knoll, Chair**

No report at this time.

### **B. Committee on Program Revision – Dr. Barbara Raudonis, Chair**

#### **Proposal for Economics Master of Science FastTrack –**

Proposal is unanimously approved.

### **C. Committee on Graduate Students – Dr. David Keller, Chair**

#### **Proposal for paper-based Theses and Dissertations Manual of Style**

Dr. Keller advised the GA the goal for the release of the new Theses and Dissertation Manual of Style is spring 2016. This is soft deadline pending meetings with the Library Records section to address the criteria for archiving and milestone completion. Further discussions for copyright related information will be conveyed to the library addressing intellectual property rights.

The GA accepted the committee report.

## **VII. New Business – Dr. Rod Hissong**

The UG Assembly approved a resolution for Campus Carry. The next meeting is February 4. If you have a position, please share it with the President.

Undergraduate faculty stressed the faculty offices as gun free zones. It was noted

that 60% of the campus cannot be gun free zones.

The GA requested that the chair circulate the Undergrad Assembly resolution opposing Campus Carry. They agreed to vote via e-mail support or non-support of the resolution. If supported, the chair would forward to the Provost.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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