

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

**DATE:** October 1, 2015  
**TIME:** 2:35 pm  
**PLACE:** San Saba Room, University Center  
**PRESIDING:** Rod Hissong, Chair

**ATTENDING:** Bradley Davis, Duane Dimos, Rod Hissong, Lauri John, David Keller, Douglas Klahr, Peter Kroll, Andrew Milson, Diane Mitschke, Sophia Passy, Terry Skantz, Pat Taylor, Vivian Ta, Leaf Yi Zhang

Guest(s): John Hall, Eunice Currie, Joslyn Krismer, Kim Lemaux, Shelby Boseman, Mary Schmenk, Julia Clark, Brenda Davis, Stephen Mattingly, Sadeef Laura, Ramona Holms, Julia Clark, Kolby Visnak, Nnenna Yomah,

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Graduate Assembly was called to order at 2:35 pm by chair, Dr. Rod Hissong.

**II. Introductions**

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

**III. Consideration of Minutes**

Not available.

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

Dr. Dimos shared with the assembly his first six months on the job have been great. The goal of the Dr. Karbhari for the Office of Research and Graduate Studies is to have stronger program to reach the strategic goals of the university with a global impact.

UT Arlington continues to move forward in the metroplex with expansion in health and human conditions with the development of a new college.

The transition of the Office of Graduate Studies to Research is a positive move with collaboration from Provost and Dean Jackson. The effort is to ensure recommendations go to the right place nothing is lost in the reporting line.

**V. Mr. John Hall, Vice President for Administration and Campus Operations**

## **Presentation on Campus Carry**

John Hall, Campus Operations vice president, gave a presentation about campus carry. Texas Senate Bill 11, commonly known as the campus carry law, allows for concealed handgun license holders to carry their concealed weapons into building on college campuses. Key dates in the implementation process:

1. November 1: Consensus recommendations regarding any categories of space to be designated as exclusion zones on campus. (President develops rules, regulations and provisions for System and Board of Regents' consideration.)
2. December 4: President submits preliminary campus plans to UT System Administration
3. December 11: UT System provides feedback to presidents
4. December 18: President submits final plan to UT System Administration
5. February 10: Board of Regents meets and reviews campus plans
6. February 15: Campuses begin implementing plans
7. July 1: All new physical plant facilities such as storage lockers and signage are in place
8. August 1: Law takes effect

John Hall encouraged faculty and staff to submit any questions or concerns to him, Eunice Currie and/or Shelby Bosemen.

## **VI. Update from Associate Graduate Dean – Dr. Raymond Jackson**

Dr. Jackson is out and will present updates at the next Graduate Assembly meeting.

## **VII. Committee Reports**

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

1. Paper-based Theses and Dissertations  
Proposal approved 08-02.

## **VIII. Report of the Graduate Student Senate Representative – Vivian Ta**

Ms. Ta noted the Graduate Student Senate is awarding funding for fall and spring career driven events. Also, the GSS has established sub-committees to develop and submit resolutions.

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

**A. Chair Pro-Tem Election**

Dr. Peter Kroll was nominated for Chair Pro-Tem and unanimously approved.

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Respectful Submitted  
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