

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

**DATE:** February 4, 2016  
**TIME:** 2:40 pm  
**PLACE:** San Saba Room, University Center  
**PRESIDING:** Rod Hissong, Presiding Chair

**ATTENDING:** Bradley Davis, Duane Dimos, Rod Hissong, Raymond Jackson, David Keller, Peter Kroll, Andrew Milson, Diane Mitschke, Sophia Passy, Edmund Prater, Barbara Raudonis, Eusebius Small, Vivian Ta, Pat Taylor, Leaf Yi Zhang

Guest(s): Brenda Davis, Joslyn Krismer, Andy Herzog, Denise Collins, Roger Meiners

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Introductions**

Dr. Hissong welcomed guests to the Graduate Assembly.

**III. Consideration of Minutes**

The minutes from the November 5, 2015 were approved with the following revision: Sec V. – Report from Graduate Studies: “Nationally, the opportunity to secure an academic job is getting smaller. More PhD programs in Texas than in California and service a smaller population.”

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

Dr. Dimos is working with Rod Hissong and David Keller to review funding for GTA/assistantships. Currently, a Task Force and Ad Hoc Committee are forming to view best business practices, policies, salaries and insurance packages from other universities. Two or three active members from the Graduate Student Senate will be invited to be a part of the discussions. These committees will report their findings to central administration.

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

Dr. Jackson noted that UTA has been named in the elite group of R1: Doctorial Universities. This is the highest Research Activity ranking bestowed the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

Dr. Jackson reminded the GA of the ACES Symposium scheduled on Wednesday, March 23 in the University Center. He asked the GA members to encourage their students to participate by submitting an abstract or volunteer as moderators or PhD judges.

The Thesis and Dissertation Manual is current at the Library. The manual should be available on the Library and OGS website soon. The departments should notify their students of the OGS and Library websites for information.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

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

A new certification program will be available at the next meeting.

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

No report at this time...

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

No report at this time.

## **VII. Graduate Student Senate – Vivian Ta**

Ms. Ta reported the GSS established a sub-committee senate structure. Currently, the GSS has a resolution pending approval during the spring term. The current membership for the GSS is about 300 students with 80% being active in the senate.

The goal for the GSS is the “Voice of the Graduate Student Body.”

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

The University appointed Pranesh Aswath as Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Policy. The GA will to seek a replacement to fill his term.

## **IV. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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