

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

DATE: February 2, 2017
TIME: 2:35 pm
PLACE: San Saba Room, University Center
PRESIDING: Rod Hissong, Presiding Chair

ATTENDING: Pranesh Aswath, Karabi Bezboruah, Courtney Cronley, Bradley Davis, Duane Dimos, Rod Hissong, Raymond Jackson, Lauri John, David Keller, Andrew Milson, Sophia Passy, Barbara Raudonis, Peggy Semingson, Lewis Wasserman

Guest(s): Brenda Davis, Prajal Mishra, Lauren Jones, Wendy Casper, Jon Weidanz, Andy (Library)

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 welcomed guests to the Graduate Assembly.

III. Consideration of Minutes

The minutes from the November 3, 2016 Graduate Assembly unanimously approved.

IV. Dr. Duane Dimos, Vice President for Research

Dr. Dimos updated the Assembly on the 200 PhD progress report and noted data is currently being analyzed. The implications of the State hiring freeze are being assessed. HR is working to determine exactly what was meant in the governor's statement.

Dr. Dimos noted changes to the admissions English Proficiency requirements. Students may meet departmental requirements, but not the university's policy will need to complete English Proficiency classes and pass with a combined score of 79. It was noted, this policy may be revised again in October.

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

Dr. Jackson reminded the Assembly of the SAC's visit scheduled April 4-6, 2017.
"All hands on deck".

VI. Committee Reports

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

No report at this time.

B. Committee on Program Revision – Dr. Barbara Raudonis, Chair Proposal for Master of Science with Thesis in Chemistry FastTrack-

With minor changes, the proposal is unanimously approved.

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

The committee provided the Assembly an update on the progress defining Definition of Candidacy and Fourth Year Review as they relate to PhD candidacy.

VII. President of Graduate Student Senate, Hemanshu Jain Kumar

No report at this time.

VIII. Old Business

The Assembly discussed HOP, Graduate Faculty Policy 4-200. It was noted the policy did not include language or a process to remove graduate faculty if they fail to perform their job duties, lose their proficiency to perform their duties, or become disengaged from academic life. A committee will be formed to review the policy and make recommendations.

IX. New Business – Dr. Rod Hissong

No new business.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
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