

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

DATE: Thursday, November 2, 2017

TIME: 2:30 pm

PLACE: San Saba, University Center

PRESIDING: Peter Kroll, Chair of the Graduate Assembly

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Karabi Bezboruah, Matthew Brothers; Jinny Choi; Bradley Davis; Brenda Davis; Lauri John; David Jorgensen; Soo-Hong Kim; Peter Kroll, Prajal Mishra; Diane Mitschke, Sophia Passy; Edmund Prater; Panos Shiakolas; Terrance Skantz; Kamesh Subbarao; Mark Tremayne; Mahmut Yasar; Bijan Youssefzadeh.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING: Pranesh Aswath; Duane Dimos; Raymond Jackson; Kelly Visnak

GUESTS: Representatives from Center for Nursing and Health Innovation (CHNI); Mohan Pant (for Peggy Semingson, Curriculum & Instruction)

I. Call to Order

- The meeting of the Graduate Assembly was called to order at 2:32 pm by chair, Dr. Peter Kroll.

II. Consideration of Minutes

- Minutes from October 5, 2017 approved unanimously.

III. Dr. Duane Dimos, Dean of Graduate School, Vice President for Research

- Dr. Dimos presented the new policy of UT Arlington Dean's Doctoral Assistantship (DDA) for Teaching Assistants. The presentation will be emailed to the Graduate Assembly members.
 - Per the new policy, tuition support for doctoral students is split between STEM and non-STEM fields for growing strong PhD programs.
 - Clarification of terms - 3 year includes long semesters + summer
 - This policy can be flexible with students needs, and when exceptions are asked. Reasonable requests can be accommodated. Students currently funded under EGTA or similar scholarships are not affected. This policy, once implemented, is expected to save \$1.5 million per year. The impact of this policy on recruitment will need to be assessed in future.

IV. Report from Graduate Studies – Dr. Joe Jackson

- No report

V. Report of the President of the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) – Prajal Mishra

- There are 2 student organizations - Student Senate (includes all students) & Graduate Student Senate (GSS). The ombudsman policy was initiated by GSS but currently

pursued by the Student Senate. Student Senate has requested a 3rd body for mediation and arbitration between faculty and students.

- In many schools, one ombudsman handle both faculty and student (graduate and undergraduate) issues.

VII. Committee Reports

- The Chair of the Program Creation committee, Edmund Prater, reported that the committee met to discuss the following program proposals:
 - *CNHI, Formal Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate in Nursing Administration*
 - *CNHI, Formal Post-Graduate Master's Certificate Program Proposal for Nursing Administration*
 - *CNHI, Master of Public Health*

Dr. Prater reported that the Committee suggested some minor changes and approved the proposals.

The Graduate Assembly members voted unanimously in favor of these programs.

- Committee on Program Revision
 - No report
- Committee on Graduate Students
 - No report

VIII. Old Business

- Discussion about the role of non-tenured faculty in Graduate Faculty. The HOP defines the various categories of non-tenured faculty. Per the HOP, non-tenured faculty are non-voting members of the Graduate faculty.
- Graduate studies committee should decide on the role of non-tenured faculty on a case-by-case basis per individual qualification. Each unit utilizes non-tenured faculty per their needs, and so each department decides on their roles and scope of work.

IX. New Business

- Dr. Kroll asked that the RAND report be sent to members of the Graduate Assembly. The RAND report, commissioned by the Texas Higher education Coordinating board, may potentially reshape graduate education in Texas. Members are requested to discuss this report within their units, and bring forth discussions to the next meeting.

X. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 3:53.

XI. Next Meeting

- February 1, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
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