

MEETING OF THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

November 7, 2002.

The Graduate Assembly meeting of November 7, 2002 was called to order by Chair S. Grove at 2:30 p.m. in the Guadalupe Room, University Center.

ATTENDANCE: Members present included A. Anjomani for Cornehl, K. Behbehani, I. Bernstein, D. Cook, M. Danahay for Hekman, M. Dunn, C. Funkhouser, D. Gray, S. Grove, J. Grover, G. McMahan, C. Markum-Shaw, M. Yardley

M. Barrett, J. Dyson, R. Hegar were absent

Ex Officio members present: J. Jackson, T. Wilding
P. Cohen was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The Minutes of the April 11, 2002 meeting were approved as published.

REPORT OF THE GRADUATE DEAN: R. Jackson reported briefly on Spring application figures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee on Graduate Students Marjie Barrett, Chair

No report. Discussion on the posthumous degree policy will be tabled until the February meeting.

Committee on Program Policy

No report. James Grover, Chair

Committee on Program Review David Gray, Chair

No report.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

S. Grove introduced M. Danahay who will replace S. Hekman until the Spring semester. She reported that she had no other items to bring forward.

REPORT OF THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL:

No report

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Gray discussed the current policy on the operation and due process issues within dissertation committees. He provided a statement to the Assembly so that it can be discussed and voted on for implementation. There was extensive discussion of issues and problems related to dissertation and thesis committees. The two major issues were: (1) the resolution of conflict among committee members and (2) actions to take when committee members were incapacitated and unable to serve. The Committee on Graduate Students was given the charge to address these two issues and develop a policy for the Assembly to review at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.