

# MEETING OF THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY

## THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

**DATE:** February 16, 2006  
**TIME:** 2:35 p.m.  
**PLACE:** San Saba – University Center  
**PRESIDING:** Dr. Nancy Hadaway for Dr. James Grover, Chair

**ATTENDING:** Mark Cichock                      David Jones  
Charla Markham-Shaw   Sherman Wyman  
Nancy Hadaway  
Roger Mellgren  
Greg Frazier                      Raymond Jackson, Ex Officio  
Philip Cohen, Ex Officio   Gerald Saxon, Ex Officio

Proxy votes: Gary McMahan, James Teng, Mary Schira

Guests: Dr. Robert Howard, Hunter Dell (GSS)

### **I. Call to Order**

Dr. Nancy Hadaway called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

The Graduate Assembly (GA) Minutes from the February 02, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

### **III. Report of the Graduate Dean**

Dr. Cohen made the following announcements:

- The Graduate School is planning a series of recurring annual international recruiting trips to visit particular colleges and universities overseas, meet with international graduate alumni, and visit government agencies that may have funding for graduate students.
- ACES is scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2006. This is an opportunity for graduate and undergraduate students to present their research in the annual symposium. Please share the date and time with your students and colleagues. Dr. Teresa Sullivan is the keynote speaker this year.
- ACES is anticipated to be a day and a half event next year with additional support from Alumni and corporate sponsors.

### **IV. Committee Reports**

#### **A. Committee on Graduate Students – Dr. Ernest Crosby, Chair**

Nothing to report.

#### **B. Committee on Program Creation – Dr. Nancy Hadaway, Chair**

1. Proposal for Master of Fine Art degree – Handouts distributed.

Dr. Robert Howard presented the Master of Fine Art degree proposal.

Proposal will not require reallocation of current funds. This proposal is a more accurate description of graphic communications versus general communication degree.

Proposal unanimously approved.

**C. Committee on Program Revision – Dr. Roger Mellgren, Chair**

Nothing to report.

**V. Report of the Chair – Dr. James Grover**

Dr. James Grover announced the following

- Plus/Minus Grading proposal was declined by the Provost. The committee was acknowledged for their efforts. This was a learning experience for the University community.
- Results on the Plus/Minus Grading proposal were available.
- Graduate Assembly elections are upcoming and nominations are from the schools and colleges. Please remind Deans of each college of the elections and a memo from the Provost's office will be sent to the dean of each college.

**VII. Report of Graduate Student Senate Representative**

Hunter Dell was present from the GSS. He distributed the recent GSS Newsletter and noted additional information for membership to the GSS would be in future issues of the Shorthorn encouraging student participation. GSS is committed to assisting with the ACES symposium this year and for future endeavors.

An invitation was extend to the Graduate Assembly to attend the Graduate Student Faculty Mixer on Thursday, March 23, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Carlisle Suite of the UC.

Dean Cohen encouraged attendance as the GSS is growing in a positive direction. The Graduate School is supporting the GSS with office space and a modest stipend.

**VIII. New Business**

Nothing new to report.

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**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Jennifer Knight  
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Office of Graduate Studies