MEETING OF THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

DATE: October 5, 2006
TIME: 2:30 pm
PLACE: President's Conference Room – EE Davis Hall
PRESIDING: Dr. Nancy Hadaway, Presiding Chair

ATTENDING: Earnest Crosby Andrezej Korzeniowski Ivan Segvic
Greg Frazier Mohan Kumar James Teng
Roger Goolsby Neill Matheson Phil Cohen, Ex Officio
Nancy Hadaway Roger Mellgren Raymond Jackson
Rebecca Hegar Mary Schira Gerald Saxon, Ex Officio
Sarah May Fauzi, Graduate Student Rep

Guest: Alejandra Rodriguez for Sherman Wyman

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Graduate Assembly was called to order at 2:35 pm by Dr. Nancy Hadaway, Presiding Chair.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the April 6, 2006 Graduate Assembly Meeting approved as submitted.

III. Report of the Graduate Dean

Dr. Cohen made the following announcements:

- Welcome new Graduate Assembly members
- Graduate student enrollment for Fall 06 is flat or slightly down, but applications have increased modestly.
- Continuing to develop and improve international recruiting initiatives and initiatives for sharing the cost of educating graduate students.
- Discussed various U.S. recruiting initiatives and encouraged Assembly members to be on the lookout for funding from foundations, government agencies, and foreign governments for sharing the cost of educating graduate students.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Graduate Students – Ernest Crosby, Chair and Raymond Jackson

1. Doctoral degree completion for reporting and tracking was discussed to assist students prior to withdrawing from programs. The sample annual progress form created by Associate Dean Jackson is inclusive as it requests interactive information regarding student goals. It is reviewed collaboratively by supervising professors and advisors. Note: This Graduate Student Committee will review and revise this initial form. One suggestion was to explore how other universities collect this data. Return to
Action for additional discussion by the Graduate Assembly.

B. Committee on Program Creation – Dr. Greg Frazier, Chair

The MSN/MPH Collaborative/Joint Degree was presented with the recommended changes and discussed. The degree proposal was approved unanimously. Associate Dean Jackson will discuss start date with Nursing.

C. Committee on Program Revision – Dr. Mary Schira, Chair

No Committee Report

V. Report of the Chair – Dr. Hadaway

The Graduate Assembly Membership Roster and Committee assignments were distributed electronically. The Chair asked to remove Vicky Cereijo from the roster and add Raymond Eve.

VI. Report of Graduate Student Senate Representative

Sarah May Fauzi, Vice President of the GSS, invited the Assembly members to the graduate student orientation and mixer scheduled for 4 PM, October 23.
1. The GSS is currently researching GTA stipends paid by other universities to determine if UTA is competitive.
2. The GSS is also investigating student public transportation needs as they relate to students living on campus without transportation.
3. The GSS is reviewing the size of doctoral dissertation committees.

VII. New Business

There was a discussion of the issue of duration of graduate faculty status. The Assembly may revisit discussion at next meeting. Current information is located in the HOP. See attached handout from the HOP on Graduate Faculty.

VII. Old Business

Nothing to report

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectively Submitted:
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