MEETING OF THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

DATE: April 5, 2007
TIME: 2:35 pm
PLACE: San Saba Room, University Center
PRESIDING: Dr. Nancy Hadaway, Presiding Chair

ATTENDING: Edward Bellion Roger Goolsby Philip Cohen, Ex Officio
David Jones Rebecca Hegar Raymond Jackson, Ex Officio
Greg Frazier Monhan Kumar Gerald Saxon, Ex Officio
Nancy Hadaway Mary Schira Craig Slinkman

Guest(s): Alexa Smith Osborne for Ski Hunter
Susan Grove
Pranesh Aswath
Andrew Clark for Ivana Segvic

I. Call to Order
The meeting of the Graduate Assembly was called to order at 2:30 pm by Dr. Nancy Hadaway, Presiding Chair.

II. Approval of Minutes
Minutes from the February 15, 2007 Graduate Assembly Meeting approved as submitted.

III. Report of the Graduate Dean
Dr. Cohen made the following announcement(s):
- Applications to graduate school are up about 18%.
- The Office of Graduate Studies has partnered with academic programs and other universities on submitting DOE-GAANN, NSF-AGEP, and NSF-IGERT proposals over the past year. We would be interested in developing other partnerships, including training grants.
- The ACES 2007 symposium was a great success. The awards ceremony was packed. The ACES Steering Committee continues to improve the venue with alumni judges, community members on the steering committee, and increased participation from students. It is possible the symposium will evolve into a two day event to accommodate the growth in 2008.

IV. Committee Reports
A. Committee on Graduate Students – Dr. Ernest Crosby, Chair
No committee report.

B. Committee on Program Creation – Dr. Greg Frazier, Chair
1. Fast Track Programs for Master’s Degree in Mechanical Engineering – Roger Goolsby
The program will enable senior undergraduate students in ME to satisfy degree requirements leading to a master’s degree in ME while completing their undergraduate studies. The program is designed to give incentives in money and time-saved to gifted
students hoping that they remain at UTA to pursue doctoral degrees.

The Graduate Assembly voted unanimously to approve the Fast Track Program for Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

2. Fast Track Program with Physics Undergraduate Degree and Master’s Degree in Materials Science and Engineering – Pranesh Aswath
   The proposed program will enable senior undergraduate students in Physics to satisfy degree requirements leading to a Master’s Degree in Material Science and Engineering while completing their undergraduate studies in Physics. The program is designed to give incentives in money and time-saved to gifted students hoping that they remain at UTA to pursue doctoral degrees.

The Graduate Assembly voted unanimously to approve the Fast Track Program with Physics Undergraduate Degree and Master’s Degree in Materials Science and Engineering.

3. Substantive Degree Program Request for Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) – Susan Grove
   The proposed DNP program will extend the knowledge and skill of nurses holding the MSN and prepare NPs to meet the increasing needs of the healthcare industry. The proposal will add options for nurses and will strengthen the health care setting in which they are employed. The proposal is a clinical-evidence based project and will not require a dissertation.

The Graduate Assembly voted unanimously to approve the Substantive Degree Program for Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). A correction to page 114 of the proposal was noted on the organizational chart to reflect that the Graduate School and the Office of Research are separate departments.

C. Committee on Program Revision – Dr. Mary Schira, Chair
   No committee report.

V. Report of the Chair – Dr. Hadaway
   Dr. Hadaway thanked the Graduate Assembly members for their accomplishments and efforts during the past academic year. She noted everyone is scheduled to return next year to the current standing committees.

VI. Report of Graduate Student Senate Representative
   No report.

VII. New Business
   Nothing to report.

VIII. Old Business
   Nothing to report.

IX. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm

Respectively Submitted:
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