

# 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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