

Graduate Deans Group  
Thursday, October 2, 2008, 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.  
Room 220, University Center

Attending:

Vincent Anfara, Barbara Klinkhammer, Joy DeSensi (Chair), Thomas George, Tom Ladd, Jan Lee, Sally McMillan, Buddy Moore, Carol Parker, Luther Williams for Masood Parang, Matthew Theriot for Cynthia Rocha, Mohanan M. K., Linda Phillips, Kay Reed.

The Graduate Council meeting was called to order by Joy DeSensi, on Thursday, October 2, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 220, University Center.

1. Minutes of the Preceding Meeting

The minutes of the September 4, 2008 meeting were approved by the Graduate Council Deans Group.

2. Changes to Operating Guidelines/Bylaws

Joy DeSensi, reviewed the changes to the Graduate Deans Group Bylaws. Proxies for all graduate deans shall be appointed by the dean or associate dean. The membership paragraph is to be reviewed by the members and discussed at the next meeting.

3. Role Faculty Senate Effectiveness Task Force

Vincent Anfara, Graduate Council Chair, gave an update on the Faculty Senate Effectiveness Task Force.

4. Presentation of Curricular Changes for Curriculum Committee

Vincent Anfara, Graduate Council Chair, stated that the Graduate Council Ex-Officios will present their college changes at the curriculum committee meeting.

5. Digital Archiving of Scholarship (continued)

Linda Phillips, Professor in Library Science, stated that the UT Scholarly Communication Committee is working with the Chancellor. Digital archiving will increase visibility of our scholarly work. The National Institutes of Health (federal funding) has opened up access of digital publications, and publishers are now beginning to allow digitally publish works. Digital peer review of published works in repositories could be used as an evaluation tool for promotion and tenure decisions. The University has decided to use the commons for a few years and then move to D-Space.

8. Future Agenda Items

Linda Phillips requested to return with more information regarding the digital showcasing.

Vincent Anfara stated that Graduate Council guidelines and policies regarding honorary degrees needs to be reviewed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gay Henegar  
Secretary to Graduate Deans Group