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**Graduate Deans' Group**  
**Thursday, February 10, 2011, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Graduate School Conference Room**

Attending:

Mark, DeKay, Joy DeSensi (Chair), Michael Essington, Tom George, Yvonne Kilpatrick, Catherine Luther, Stefanie Ohnesorg, Masood Parang, Carol Parker, Kay Reed, Cynthia Rocha.

The Graduate Deans' Group meeting was called to order by Joy DeSensi, on Thursday, February 10, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. in the Graduate School Conference Room.

1. The minutes of the Graduate Deans' Group meeting from January 13, 2011 were approved.
2. Follow Up on College Diversity Initiatives

Joy DeSensi, Chair of the Graduate Deans' Group, requested the college graduate deans in collaboration with the department heads review their diversity initiatives to see if they are successful and cost worthy. Joy encouraged the graduate deans to contact Ernest Brothers to assess their diversity recruitment efforts and receive additional suggestions for their recruitment process. The Graduate School Diversity Fellowships are also great tools for recruiting promising minority students.

Further discussion included the Ready for the World Program. It was noted that the program benefits only undergraduates. It was suggested that the Graduate Deans' Group recommends the University to broaden this initiative to make it campus-wide.

3. International Opportunities

Yvonne Kilpatrick, Interim Director of the Graduate Admissions Office, shared a PowerPoint covering opportunities to recruit graduate students from Vietnam through the Vietnam Education Foundation and Libya through the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE). The CBIE also can give information regarding numerous different countries.

The Center of International Education plans to invite people to come to UT and speak with interested colleges. If they are unable to attend, teleconferencing may be used. Yvonne will check on this and get back with the Graduate Deans' Group. Her PowerPoint presentation is attached. (Attachment 1)

4. Evaluation of Graduate Teaching Associates

At this time, there is no written policy on how to evaluate the Graduate Teaching Assistants/Associates and Research Assistants/Associates. The Evaluation procedure is currently determined by each college or department and may include observations along with syllabus review and SAIS scores. Each department should have a clear evaluation

process, and it should appear in the Department Graduate Handbook. Discussion of this evaluation process will be taken up at the next meeting.

5. Fellowships

All Graduate School Fellowship applications are due to the Graduate School by 5:00 p.m. on March 4. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

6. Other

The deadline date for dropping Fall 2011 courses is being extended to the 84<sup>th</sup> day.

The next meeting will be on March 31 at 2:00 p.m. in the Graduate School Conference Room.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gay Henegar  
Secretary to Graduate Deans' Group

# International Opportunities

Washington International  
Education Conference  
January 24-25, 2011

## Vietnam

### Opportunity

- Fellowships
- Visiting Scholars Grants
- STEM fields
  
- \$27K for 1<sup>st</sup> 2 years/university supplements
- University funds 3<sup>rd</sup> year and beyond



# Vietnam

## Current Status

- Great promise
- Good relationship with U.S.
- U.S. is one of the largest investors in Vietnam
- Poverty rate 58% in 1993; 12% in 2009
- Only 12% of students get into higher education in Vietnam



# Vietnam

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## Libya

### Opportunity

- Scholarship covers “everything” for:
- 24 months—graduate
- 36 months—Ph.D.
- 60 months—Specialized Program



## Libya

### Current status

- 82% literacy rate
- English language studies begin in 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 2500 Libyans studying in U.S. (most are graduate students)
- Students usually professionals in mid 30s
- U.S. favored as a country of choice for educational study



# Libya

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