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GRADUATE DEANS' GROUP
Thursday, September 15, 2005, 2:00 – 3:15 P.M.
4th Floor Conference Room, Andy Holt Tower

Attending

Mary E. Papke (Chair), Tammy Barnhart, Mary Albrecht, Jerry Faria, Tom George, George Hoemann, Alan Hollis, Barbara Klinkhammer, Jan Lee, Anne Mayhew, Sally McMillan, Buddy Moore, Stefanie Ohnesorg, Masood Parang, Linda Phillips, Kay Reed, K.C. Reddy, Rose Ann Trantham.

Mary E. Papke, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. Introductions for the new 2005-2006 Graduate Deans' Group were made and the following items were discussed.
 - *Graduate Assistant Handbook* - Copies of this new publication were distributed for information.
 - *Graduate Council Appeal Procedure Brochure* – Copies of this new publication were distributed for information.
 - *Best Practices in Teaching Program* - The Basic Issues Sessions (Fall 2005) began on September 14, 2005, with a very good attendance by graduate teaching assistants and faculty. This program will provide opportunities for graduate teaching assistants and associates to discuss teaching-related issues with new and experienced faculty and peers from across the university.
 - *Review of Fall 2005 Graduate Enrollments* - Anne Mayhew, Dean, discussed enrollment statistics. Graduate headcount enrollment was stable compared to Fall 2004 numbers.
 - *Policy for Post-doctoral Appointments* - Anne Mayhew, Dean, reported on the development of a policy on post-doctoral appointments that had begun with the Graduate Deans' Group in Spring 2005. Recommendations were presented to the Chancellor's staff.
 - *Endowment Gift of \$4 Million* - Anne Mayhew, Dean, reported that the University of Tennessee has been given an endowment gift in the amount of \$4 million. This endowment will assist the Graduate School with funding graduate fellowships in targeted programs.
 - *Master's Level Programs* - Anne Mayhew, Dean, reported that the role of the universities' professional master's degree programs, including dual degree programs such as those established by the Colleges of Business Administration and Engineering, will be of continued importance for graduate education at the University of Tennessee. These programs will assist the University's master's level students to enter the job market competitively.

- *Graduate Admission Processes, Nolij* – Anne Mayhew, Dean, reported that the campus is continuing to work on development issues on Nolij.
2. Mary E. Papke asked the group for other issues that they would like to see addressed in the coming year.
- In response, Linda Phillips of the University Libraries introduced the idea of developing a UT Scholars Archive. This archive would contain documents created by the faculty, staff, and students of the university that would be accessible on the web.
 - Barbara Klinkhammer of the School of Architecture and Design discussed the possibility of developing joint graduate degrees with international universities. One university program that closely parallels this concept is the Acclaim Program. The Acclaim Program, funded by NSF, is operated by a consortium of universities and offers a doctoral degree program to a cohort of students in the field of mathematics education.

The next Deans' Group meeting will be held on October 27, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. in the 4th Floor Conference room of Andy Holt Tower.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.