Spring 2010
Graduate Advisors’ Meeting Notes
February 11, 2010

1. Welcome/Dean’s News

2. Brief Announcements and FYIs
   – The Graduate Advisors Handbook is available at http://grad.uta.edu/faculty/resources/advisors/.
   – March 15, 2010 is the deadline for submitting graduate catalog and course changes, etc.: Associate Dean Jackson informed the group that for about a month after the catalog is published, OGS can accept and make minor editorial changes to the catalog. Substantive changes cannot be made until the next revision cycle.
   – Deans were notified regarding their allocations of enhanced GTA packages for Fall 2010. OGS is currently developing the policies. It is a work in process. Expect that the it will be a bumpy road this first year as we develop the process and procedure needed to administer this new program.
   – Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. Graduate Research Fellowship Reminder: The deadline to submit nomination packets for the Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. Graduate Research Fellowship nominations is March 1, 2010. Each college or school may forward no more than one nominee for consideration.

3. Graduate Recruiting
   – Please place a hyperlink on your departmental website to the OGS Prospect form at http://www.uta.edu/grad/RequestGraduateInfo
   – The Graduate Stimulus Scholarship program will be available. However, it will be limited to new doctoral and doctoral bound students for who begin their studies in Fall 2010. OGS is working with Associate Deans to work out details of the award process. The Graduate Stimulus Scholarship will be funded via a cost share with OGS and participating colleges/schools.
   – The Doctoral Campus Visit program will be held in conjunction with GAANN Day to host top doctoral and doctoral bound applicants. The Doctoral Campus Visit program will be funded via a cost share with OGS and participating colleges/schools. This event is scheduled to be held March 25-26.

4. Admissions Processing Enhancements
   – Auto loading applications into ImageNow
Associate Dean Jackson indicated that the goal is to move toward a paperless application process.

- Real time online credit card processing
- Ability to make submission of the essay mandatory and to customize the essay at the plan level on the online application

5. DS-PRO: Beginning Fall 2010, DS-PRO, our online progress reporting system, must be submitted for all doctoral and doctoral-bound students who will be funded through STEM, Graduate Dean funded through the Office of Graduate Studies, the Office of Research, and the Office of the Provost to ensure that they understand what they must do to graduate before their funding runs out and to enable their mentors to help guide and monitor their progress.

The DS-PRO system will open on February 1, 2010, and will be available through September 13, 2010 (Fall census date). Faculty and student quick-start guides can be accessed on the Office of Graduate Studies website (http://grad.uta.edu/faculty/resources/dspro).

Training Workshops are now available. To register visit, http://grad.uta.edu/faculty/resources/workshops/.

6. Questions and Answers:

Q1: The lengthy process for changing admissions requirements were discussed.

Q2: Concerns were raised regarding how current GTAs would react to new students receiving higher stipends and tuition fellowship. Graduate Advisors were advised to be honest with students and inform them that the University cannot afford to fund both new and current students at the new award levels.
7. Preliminary Spring 2010 Enrollment*

- Total Enrollment up 19.4%—24,144 (Spring 2009) v. 28,826 (Spring 2010).

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*These are preliminary numbers, but we expect little change in our final enrollment figures.