ATGS ANNUAL MEETING 2015
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Noon – 1:00 pm  **REGISTRATION**

1:00 pm – 1:10 pm  **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**
Karen Butler-Purry, President, Association of Texas Graduate Schools, Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies, Texas A&M University

1:10 pm – 2:10 pm  **SESSION I: COORDINATING BOARD UPDATES RELATED TO GRADUATE EDUCATION**
Speaker:
Raymund A. Paredes – THECB Commissioner

**SESSION I: TOWN AND GOWN FOR PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES**
Speaker:
Bonnie Melhart, Associate Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies, Texas Christian University

2:10 pm – 2:20 pm  **BREAK**

2:20 pm – 3:20 pm  **SESSION II: TITLE IX – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**
This session will focus on the recent steps that Texas A&M University and The University of Texas at Austin have taken to address sexual misconduct, intimate partner violence, and stalking. Presenters will describe opportunities and situations that you may encounter that will require engagement in the policy, education, and response processes.

**Presenters:**
Cynthia Hernandez, Assistant Vice President For Student Affairs, Texas A&M University
Soncia Reagins-Lilly, Dean of Students and Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, The University of Texas at Austin.

3:20 pm – 3:30 pm  **BREAK**

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm  **SESSION III: OFFICE STRUCTURE & DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES**
Oftentimes administrators find themselves asking questions regarding how peer institutions handle particular situations. They also seek innovative ideas and a desire to make sure all existing processes and procedures adequately meet their institution’s needs. This session allows guests to gather those ideas and suggestions. Panelists will discuss the overall infrastructure and organization of their institution, highlighting elements that work particularly well for each campus.

**Panel members:**
JoAnn Canales, Founding Dean, College of Graduate Studies, Texas A&M University
Andrea Golato, Dean of the Graduate College, Texas State University
Dominic Aquila, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, The University of St. Thomas
Mary Beth Sampson, Assistant Dean, Graduate School, Texas A&M University at Commerce

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  **HOTEL CHECK-IN OR CAMPUS TOUR - OPTIONAL**

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  **NETWORK SOCIAL**

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  **CONFERENCE BANQUET**
**WELCOMING REMARKS**, KARAN WATSON, Provost and Executive Vice President
**BANQUET SPEAKER**, DR. CHRIS Houser, Associate Professor in Geography and Geology and Geophysics
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30 am–8:40 am **BREAKFAST: UPDATE FROM THE GRE® AND TOEFL® PROGRAMS AT ETS**

Speaker:
*Julie Shurts, Associate Director, Global Client Relations, Global Education Division Educational Testing Service (ETS)*

**SESSION IV: MENTORING GRADUATE STUDENTS**

We know that good mentor-mentee relationships are important to graduate student success, yet not all graduate students receive adequate mentoring. There is a great deal of variability in the mentoring needs of graduate students, as well as variability in the way individual faculty mentor students. This round table discussion will focus on these challenges and ways that academic institutions can support and facilitate the development of productive, healthy mentor-mentee relationships

Round Table Facilitator:
*Teresa Wilcox, Professor of Psychology, Ombudsperson for OGAPS and VPR Administrative Fellow – Texas A&M University*

9:40 am–11:00 am **SESSION V: GRADUATE STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH - NEED, AWARENESS, AND USE OF CAMPUS SERVICES**

Discussion will be focus on how health centers, counseling centers, and other Student Affairs departments can help the university address graduate students mental health.

Panel members:
*Maggie Gartner, Executive Director of the Student Counseling Service, Texas A&M University*
*Calvin Kelly, Director of Health and Counseling Center, St. Edward's University*
*Marion K. Underwood, Graduate Dean, University of Texas at Dallas*

11:20 am–1:00 pm **BUSINESS MEETING, CLOSING, AND LUNCH**

**George Bush Presidential Library Tour - Optional**