Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, September 19, 2002 at 2:45 p.m. in Devlin Hall 2nd floor conference room.

Members present: Dean S. Kovar, Associate Dean D. Wright, Drs. J. Bryant, H. Popp, S. Yeager, L. Mitchell, E. Steinke, D. McDonald, J. Wolff, H. Lankarani, H. Cheraghi and student representative Farihah Masud.

I. Approval of Minutes of September 5, 2002 meeting.
Minutes were approved as distributed.

II. Announcements.
Fall Hooding ceremony will be held December 22, 2002, 12:30 p.m. in the Metroplex.

III. Doctor of Audiology Proposal.
Dr. Kenn Apel, Dr. Ray Hull and Dr. Zarin Mehta from CDS were present to discuss the program. Discussion of the proposal focused primarily on finding the resources to support the new program (faculty with appropriate Graduate Faculty Membership, salary for the new position and funds to recruit students) and the specifics of the program requirements. Dr. Apel clarified that the proposal requests funding from the VPAAR for the resources just mentioned.

The following curriculum were to be clarified in the proposal and presented for further review by the Council:

- Admit with Bachelors Degree only, no admittance to WSU with MA
- Need the AuD for the program to survive.
- Consider the required GRE Score with the new analytical writing section in the GRE.
- Consider 3rd Year Comp/Qualifying Exam, where student becomes “candidate” for the degree if successfully completes the exam.
- Need undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or above in the last 60 hours of completed work.
- Consider Time Limits for degree completion.
- Indicate 60% of course work must be at or above the 800 level.
- Produce a program sheet to include both didactic courses and practical experience courses.
- Consider the number of hours that can be transferred into the program.
- Consider when the Plan of Study is to be completed and filed with the Graduate School.
- Consider Doctoral Essay Committee:
  a. Role
  b. Composition(Chair with Full membership and 2 other members)
  c. When formed
• Include minimum enrollment of 2 credit hours each semester (in doctoral essay) once a student becomes a "candidate".

Ending note from Dean Kovar that the Doctor of Audiology program would be reviewed by Graduate Council, Doctoral Program Sub-Council, Graduate Faculty and Graduate Dean and finally to Dr. Robert Kindrick. Once approval at these levels is received an on-site evaluation would take place (per Board of Regents requirements).

IV. Nominations for Graduate Faculty Membership.
   a. Don M. Gruenbacher – Electrical & Computer Engineering, was approved as a Graduate Faculty Associate.
   b. Daniel C. Russell – Philosophy, was approved as an Associate Member of the Graduate Faculty.

V. Curriculum Changes.
   a. Cross listing of new course Phil/Psy 816 was approved.
   b. Concentration in Piano Accompanying was approved.

VI. Matrix Update
    This item was postponed until the next meeting.

VII. As May Arise.
   a. Recommendations to serve on the Associate Dean Search Committee were requested. Harold Popp volunteered to serve and was approved by the Council.
   b. Tuition waivers for GTA’s were discussed in regard to courses below the 500 level. It was noted that the Spanish program will need to be addressed.
   c. The Graduate School is investigating additional fees: $35.00 application fee for Non-degree seeking students, and a $10 to $15.00 fee to file an Application for Degree. To be discussed at future Council.