The Graduate Council met Thursday, October 17, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. in Devlin Hall 2nd floor conference room.


I. Approve Minutes of October 3, 2002 meeting
Minutes were approved as distributed.

II. Announcements
a. Dean Kovar announced that Council minutes are now on the Graduate School website. First, as "provisionally approved minutes", and once approved, GS plans to set up an "archive" of approved minutes on the website. She also noted that the Agenda for the upcoming meeting will be posted on the web.
b. Establishment of new fees -- Dean Kovar advised Council that she forwarded requests (previously discussed by the Council) for an application fee for non-degree students and a fee for filing the Application for Degree card to Dr. Kindrick for approval.
c. GTA in-state tuition waivers – Dean Kovar also advised the Council that she forwarded a request to Dr. Kindrick to alter current policy regarding in-state tuition waivers for GTAs. The request indicated that in-state tuition waiver would occur only for courses at the graduate level (courses numbered 500 and above). Students may request an exception when they are enrolled in courses below the 500 level to complete program prerequisites. This change was supported by the Council and by graduate coordinators. Student representative F. Masud raised questions about how this policy change might affect GTAs in their last semester when they are required to be enrolled in at least 9 credit hours but have less than 9 hours to complete their program. D. Wright indicated that the 9 hour rule can be reduced to 6 with the department's permissions, and students may request an exception to the 6-9 rule which will normally be approved if they are in their last semester of work and only need 1-5 credits to graduate.
d. There was some discussion about Graduate Assistants (GAs) no longer receiving resident rates unless they are appointed for at least ¾ of the semester – current policy indicates they must be appointed for at least ½ the semester. Council members were asked to discuss this with their constituents and report back at the next Council meeting.

III. AuD Proposal (continued discussion)
Further discussion again focused on the availability of resources (personnel) to support the proposed program and the impact of the new program on future Ph.D. enrollment. It was agreed that Dr. Kenn Apel (who was present at the meeting) would include information with the proposal to more specifically address these items. W. Woods requested that information about teaching load be included as an addendum.
Council members also agreed that bringing the proposal to a vote needs to happen soon, so Council decided to add an October 31st meeting date. Dr. Apel will present a final proposal with the requested addendum and adjustments for final consideration by the Council on that date.
IV. FY2003 KBOR Program Review Schedule
A schedule was distributed to members establishing a time frame for reviewing the 24 graduate programs undergoing KBOR review this year.

V. Request for Modification to Representation on Council
Set to continue at a future meeting.

VI. As May Arise
Physician Assistant Master's degree proposal will receive review by Council at the newly scheduled October 31, 2002 meeting.
Dean Kovar requested that each member be present (or send a representative in their place) to help with the Hooding ceremony at the Metroplex on Sunday, December 22. These helpers need to be at the Metroplex by 11:30 a.m. as the event begins at 12:30 p.m.
Dean Kovar asked council members to think about a possible date for holding a general graduate faculty meeting towards the end of this semester. Bring suggestions to the next meeting