Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on April 1, 2004 in the upstairs conference room of Devlin Hall.

Members present:  S. Kovar (Dean), P. Kahol (Associate Dean), J. Bryant, D. McDonald, L. Mitchell, H. Popp, E. Steinke, R. Scudder, J. Wolff, J. Wolter (student representative)

Guests:  Dr. Elizabeth Behrman, Chair of Physics; Dr. Collette Burke, Chair of Geology; Dr. Wan Yang, Assistant Professor, Geology.

I. MS in Earth, Environmental and Physical Sciences Proposal
   ▪ The Earth, Environmental and Physical Sciences Proposal (EEPS) with Dr. Behrman, Dr. Burke and Dr. Yang attending the meeting to answer questions. The motion to approve was declined.

II. Approve Minutes from March 18, 2004
   ▪ The minutes were approved with minor corrections.

III. Announcements
   ▪ A Development Officer has been hired. Karen Berry is her name and she is scheduled to begin April 19.
   ▪ The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) is in the process of going to the Graduate Faculty for review. The Graduate Faculty meeting will be April 16, 2004. Please encourage faculty to attend this meeting with questions or comments.
   ▪ The Research Symposium that the Graduate School would like to sponsor is in the planning process. The goal is to have the first Research Symposium in the spring of 2005.
   ▪ The Graduate School Assessment Committee is in the process of helping the Dean establish a process and timeline for annual assessment of graduate programs. The process, timeline, and model assessment plans will be shared at a Graduate Coordinators meeting this spring semester.
   ▪ A representative from North Central Association (NCA) was on campus to discuss the accreditation process. WSU will undergo NCA accreditation soon with the site visit scheduled for spring of 2007.

IV. Guidelines for Development, Review, Revision and Approval of Graduate Programs
   ▪ This item will be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting.

V. Coop Courses for Graduate Credit
   ▪ Dean Kovar would like to not give Graduate credit for Coop courses. The Coop office signs the student up for this, not the student’s department or advisor. There are two programs that accept Coop courses for Graduate credit, Criminal Justice and Kinesiology and Sports Studies. These would be the two groups to convince that the Coop courses would not be given Graduate credit. Dean Kovar will have a meeting with Coop and see if this situation may be resolved without having to hand down a ruling which would be the Graduate School will not give Graduate credit for Coop courses.

Adjourned at 3:55 PM