Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, December 4, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in Devlin Hall in the second floor conference room.

Members present: Associate Dean Pawan Kahol, H. Cheraghi, I. Gibson, D. McDonald, L. Mitchell, H. Popp, E. Steinke, J. Wolter (student representative), D. Wright.

I. Approve Minutes of November 6 and November 20, 2003 Meetings.
Minutes of the November 6 and November 20, 2003 meetings were approved with minor corrections.

II. Announcements
- Associate Dean Kahol distributed an updated list of Graduate School committees.
- The Hooding Ceremony assignments were reviewed and handouts given out for the December 14, 2003 program.

III. Graduate School Certificate Program
- The Psychiatric Mental Health Certificate proposal was reviewed by the Graduate Council. The certificate proposal was approved.

IV. Rewrite of the 6-Year Rule
- Associate Dean Kahol moved that the rewrite of the 6-year rule be approved. The motion was approved. Thus the rule is now worded: Students have six years in which to complete a master’s degree program starting from the first semester the student begins the course work that is designated on the Plan of Study.

V. Discussion of Enrollment Regulation
- The enrollment regulation discussed was the rule stating that the student must be enrolled in 1 credit hour in the semester in which they graduate. The classes some students elect to take, for example, are Physical Education courses and not graduate level. The statements on pages 21 and 22 of the Graduate Bulletin repeat themselves. The sentence (page 21, middle of the page 2nd paragraph), “Students writing a thesis or dissertation or engaged in research must be enrolled in courses entitled Thesis, Dissertation, or Research each semester in which they receive advice, counseling, or research direction from their advisors.” was believed to be repetitive based on the checklist that begins on page 21 and ends on page 22. The Graduate Council thought that students would look at a checklist more often than a sentence embedded in the text portion of the explanation. The suggestion was also made to have the student enroll in a 1 credit hour thesis/dissertation hour or 1 credit hour of independent study to satisfy this requirement. The students who are not using WSU resources yet are still working on, for example, an exam required for the degree off campus could file an exception for this. The Graduate Council asked if the sentence discussed (stated previously in the minutes) could be removed. The phrase the Graduate Council suggested was a modification of the sentence on page 21 that reflects the checklist requirement to enroll in a minimum of 1 credit hour the semester of graduation. The Graduate Council asked that this be taken to Dean Kovar, to link the sentence with the checklist.

IV. As May Arise
- The Draft Bylaw Meeting went very well. The turnout was approximately 10-12 people per session and there was good feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.