Draft Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in RSC 207.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean McDonald, Associate Dean A. Masud, Assistant Dean M. Alagic, R. Armstrong, S. Farmer, M. Koehn, M. Schommer-Aikins, J. Twomey, and student representative H. Bell.

I. Approve Minutes of October 6, 2011 meeting
Minutes of the October 6, 2011 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Old Business
a. Developing a culture against plagiarism
Council members continued discussions regarding the new Scholarly/Professional Integrity Training requirement that is set to begin in the fall 2012 semester for graduate students. Academic units will be asked to define their specific plan for integrating the training requirement into their graduate programs, and how it will be provided to the students. Programs have complete flexibility to determine how they will develop the training for their individual disciplines. As the training is being piloted in the 2012-13 academic year, Council will continue discussions as needed to address any issues that arise from the new requirement.

b. Develop a policy for handling plagiarism found after a student has graduated
Associate Dean Masud asked Council members to put ideas together for developing a policy for handling cases of plagiarism cited after a student has already graduated. As cases like this have been brought forward over the last couple of years, the deans have determined it would be beneficial to have a formal policy in place to help rectify such issues. Further discussion will take place at the next Council meeting.

c. Master’s Plan of Study 60% Rule at 700+ level
Council members unanimously reaffirmed the Graduate School rule which states that 60 percent of the courses listed for a Master’s Plan of Study must be numbered in the 700 level or above.

III. As May Arise
No items were brought forth.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.