Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in Lindquist Hall 200.


I. Approve Minutes of September 20, 2012 meeting
Minutes of the September 20, 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Preliminary Items
• Dean Masud noted the President's inauguration is next Friday, October 12.

• In the Graduate School: There are five applicants for the half-time Associate Dean position; the position will remain open until filled. It was also noted that Carrie Henderson has accepted a position over in the International office and Jordan Oleson has been promoted to fill her vacated position as the Admissions supervisor. Also, at the end of the spring semester, Val Mounes will be leaving as the Degree Audit specialist and the Grad School will be filling that position as well, next year.

• Dean Masud indicated President Bardo will be doing an audit of some administrative departments on campus, including the Graduate School. An outside company will be doing the audit and plan to meet with the Deans group and then with each department individually. A questionnaire was sent from the consulting company and the questions appear to be mainly along the lines of strategic planning. As part of the planning, Dean Masud plans to set up a subcommittee to propose areas to build upon, including recruitment.

III. New Business
a. Engineering Student Grievance
Associate Provost Muma and Engineering Associate Dean Steven Skinner attended the Council meeting to explain a grievance from several students form Mechanical Engineering. AP Muma asked Council members to further discuss and evaluate the grievance, and suggest how to address the requests of the students.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.