Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in RSC 314.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean McDonald, Associate Dean A. Masud, Assistant Dean M. Alagic, R. Armstrong, E. Behrman, T. Craft, S. Farmer, M. Koehn, J. Price, G. Scholl, J. Carroll for A. Tran, and J. Twomey.

I. Approve Minutes of September 15, 2011 meeting

Minutes of the September 15, 2011 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. New Business

a. Developing a culture against plagiarism

Dean McDonald discussed the issue of plagiarism with the Council members indicating support for the report prepared by the Committee on Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR), along with the Scholarly Integrity Training requirement that is set to begin in the fall 2012 semester for graduate students. He asked that members speak with their program areas about the upcoming RCR training so that faculty groups become familiar with the requirements, which are not only being developed to address academic dishonesty, but also to adhere to funding agency requirements. Associate Dean Masud plans to attend the Faculty Senate meeting to discuss the topic, and will also attend a roundtable discussion with the International Student Union and students to be sure that international students understand what plagiarism is and the ramifications of academic dishonesty. Dr. Masud also indicated he will attend faculty meetings, if requested.

Council discussed the need to clearly define plagiarism and academic dishonesty; developing a solid policy (along with Ted Ayres office) for handling such cases; and how to fully educate faculty and students on scholarly integrity issues and policies.

b. GRASP

On the Graduate School website under Graduate Students Research
http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=gradschool&p=
1. CGRS 2012 The Capitol Graduate Research Summit
http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=gradschool&p=/GraduateStudents/CapitolGraduateResearchSummit
   • 10 winners from GRASP 2011 will go to Topeka, Ks in spring 2012.
2. GRASP 2012 Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects Symposium
   http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=GRADSCHOOL&p=/GraduateStudents/GRASP/
      • All day event on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 in the Marcus Welcome Center
      • Blackboard communication Tool
      • Preparation logistics for GRASP 2012 are available on the website
      • November 16, 2011 is the deadline to submit Abstracts/Application via Assignments in Blackboard Graduate Students Communications Tool

GRASP EDITORIAL BOARD - GRADUATE STUDENTS ADVISORY BOARD -
http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=gradschool&p=/GraduateStudents/GraduateStudentAdvisoryBoard

c. Develop a policy for revoking Grad Faculty status

The need to develop a policy for revoking Graduate Faculty status was briefly discussed by Council members, and that removing a faculty from teaching graduate courses or serving on committees ultimately affects the college more than the faculty member. Continued discussion will take place at a future Council meeting.
d. Master’s Plan of Study 60% Rule at 700+ level
Associate Dean Masud noted the KBOR policy states that the majority of courses on a Master’s Plan of Study should be graduate level (700 and above). The Graduate School rule strictly states that 60 percent of the courses must be numbered in the 700 level or above.

III. As May Arise
- Dr. Behrman agreed to continue as the Council representative on the Doctoral Program Subcouncil for this academic year.
- Timothy Craft was introduced as Council’s At Large member for 2011-12 from the Barton School of Business.
- Suggestions were put forward to build the topic of plagiarism into the new faculty training; and to require all students to sign an academic honesty statement when they begin a program.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.