Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, November 2, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in Devlin Hall 2nd floor conference room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean S. Kovar, Associate Dean D. Eichhorn, R. Calabrese, C. Claycomb, S. Coats, K. Miller, K. Rokhsaz, E. Steinke, K. Wilks, D. Wright and student representative I. Alwis.

I. Approve Minutes of October 19, 2006 meeting
Minutes of the October 19, 2006 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Old Business – Doctor of Nursing Practice Proposal
Dr. Juanita Tate joined Council again to continue the review and discussion of the Doctor of Nursing Practice proposal. Members completed review of the curriculum section and discussed what resources would be needed to support the program if approved. It was agreed that Dr. Tate would add additional information to clarify the proposal, and provide Council members with an updated (electronic) copy of the proposal by November 27th. This will allow Council to complete a final review and vote on the proposal at the December 2nd meeting.

III. New Business
a. Dean Kovar provided a flyer for the Fall Assessment Symposium on November 17, 2006, which will include a discussion on the Self Study Draft. She encouraged Council members to attend if possible, and requested members to encourage faculty in their program areas to attend as well.

b. Dean Kovar provided a handout on Fall 20th Day Graduate Student Enrollment and SCH Production (comparison of fall 2005 to fall 2006). She indicated that the comparisons were listed by department, which is not always synonymous with numbers for the program area. Members will review the document and bring back to the next Council meeting for discussion.

c. Dean Kovar gave a list of University-wide priorities to Council members, which was created at the Dean’s Retreat in August 2006. She noted, in no particular order, what items she felt were most central to the university: Cultural competency/globalization; student access to higher education/retention; graduate assistant stipends and benefits funding; re-engineering ORA funding; enrollment stability/strategic growth; and electronic library resources. She asked Council to think about any items that should be added to the list and to bring the document back to the next Council meeting for further discussion.

V. As May Arise
No items were brought forth.

Meeting adjourned 3:50 p.m.