Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in Jardine Hall 115.


I. Preliminary Items

- Minutes of the November 1, 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.
- Dean Masud encouraged Council members to attend the commencement ceremony on December 16th.
- Dean Masud provided a handout which lists what each doctoral program has submitted to meet the Professional/Scholarly Integrity Training (PSIT) requirement. All PhD students admitted fall 2012 and after, must meet the requirement before they graduate. Masters students admitted fall 2013 and after must fulfill the requirement.
- Dean Masud noted that the university is moving into the three year Assessment cycle, and that programs should collect data on a yearly basis in order to prepare the 3-year assessment documents. The Grad School will request the data annually in order to help departments maintain the information as turnover happens within departments.

II. New Business

a. Psychology Exception request
Dr. Lou Medvene from Psychology joined Council to clarify a request that a PhD student be allowed to transfer four credit hours of thesis research from a previous master’s program to the doctoral program in Psychology. Following discussions, Council voted to allow the 4-hour transfer, but would still require that the student meet the 90 hour PhD requirement without these hours by taking 4 other hours (and not be allowed to only have an 86 hour plan of study).

b. Curriculum/Catalog Change - Biology
Dean Masud provided a handout summarizing Curriculum Change forms from Biology that would reduce the required 12 hours of 890 Research to 10 hours, which could allow students to have a total of 14 hours of S/U graded courses on their plan of study (6 hours beyond the rule limiting S/U graded hours). If approved, this could create a POS where the student only has 4 hours of letter graded coursework to meet the 30 hour requirement for the MS. Council discussed different scenarios regarding the plan of study, and voted to deny the curriculum change. Dean Masud will ask the program to submit a revised proposal.

III. As May Arise

- Dean Masud indicated he plans to invite Dr. David Soles from the Liberal Studies program to a future Council meeting to discuss interdisciplinary programs and how they work with the group. He requested that members think about research and what types of interdisciplinary program needs there may be here at Wichita State.
- Dean Masud thanked Council members for their work on the Council this semester.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.