Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, November 3, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in Devlin Hall 2nd floor conference room.


I. Approve Minutes of October 21, 2005 meeting
Minutes of the October 21, 2005 were approved as distributed.

II. Announcements/Updates
   o University Assessment Symposium will be held on December 2, 2005 (11:30 a.m. in RSC 215/217). The topic is Criterion 3 of the HLC standards – Student Learning and Effective Teaching.
   o Dean Kovar announced that Dr. Fuchang Liu (assistant professor in Curriculum and Instruction) will represent graduate education on the Faculty Senate Library Committee this academic year.

III. Dual Authorship on Theses and Dissertations
Initial discussion occurred on the topic of having dual/multiple authorship on theses and dissertations produced by students at WSU.

IV. Continued Work on Goal Statements (for Graduate School)
Council members reviewed and discussed the similarities and differences in the goal statements developed by each of the four working groups at the prior Council meeting. Almost all groups included the goals of academic excellence and presence. These two goals certainly have an excellent match to the mission and vision statements of the Graduate School. Discussion centered on the meaning of these terms and the possibility of finding a more appropriate term to represent “presence”. Academic excellence includes quality research and creative activities as well as application and practice of the profession. Presence denotes the education of stakeholders on what we do with them and for them. Other suggested terms for “presence” were: profile, distinction, visibility, image, recognition, and public prominence. Another discussion idea was to have the diversity/global society theme cut across all goals and subgoals. This discussion will resume at the next meeting.

V. As May Arise
No items were brought forth.

Adjourned 4:00 p.m.