Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in Lindquist Hall 200.


I. Preliminary Items

- Minutes of the October 17, 2013 meeting was approved as distributed.
- Dean Masud has been working with Ted Ayres on revisions to finalize the new graduate faculty categories. When the GF changes are completed, he will forward the revised policy/procedure document regarding graduate assistantship hour limits to Ayres office.

II. Today’s Business

a. Speech Test for GTAs
Council members reviewed a document listing GTA speech requirements of KU and KSU, and the KBOR policy. Following discussion, Council suggested aligning WSU minimums for GTA speech requirements more with that of KU. Dean Masud said he will bring more data in the next meeting, and will coordinate with Rick Muma about how to notify KBOR of changes in WSU’s language requirements.

b. Catalog Year for Grad Students
Dean Masud provided a handout detailing various policies which determine what catalog term applies to a student’s plan of study. He asked Council to take the proposed changes to the graduate policy back to their programs to find out if they support the following proposed change:

“Students must meet the program requirements in effect at the time the student starts a degree program at WSU. Students may choose a later year’s (not earlier) program requirements. When a WSU student changes his/her admission to a different degree, the program requirements for the new degree in effect at the time the degree change is made must be met”.

The current policy states that the catalog applies which is in effect at the time the POS is officially approved by Grad School. The dean will email members the document to share with their departments, and discussion will continue at the next Council meeting.

c. Fund Raising and Grad School
Dean Masud indicated that the deans were recently notified the university is planning to start a fund raising campaign, and college priority lists are due to the VPAA in January. He noted the Graduate School will look to funding graduate students as a first priority in the form of fellowships through the Foundation, and stipends for assistantships and travel. Next listing funding resources for coordinators and faculty travel/support.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.