Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in Devlin Hall 2nd floor conference room.


I. Approve Minutes of February 5, 2009 meeting
Minutes of the February 5, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Old Business
- Dual/Accelerated RN-BSN to MSN in Nursing. Council members voted to accept the proposal with requested revisions sent by the department.
- Dual/Accelerated Bachelor’s to Master’s program in Mathematics and Statistics. Council voted to accept the proposal after reviewing revisions sent by the department. Council members had specifically requested removal of any reference to the “Fast Track” program in Graduate Catalog.

III. New Business
a. Review of Current Catalog Statement on Dismissal
Council members reviewed the current requirements for students who wish to be readmitted to Graduate School following academic dismissal. The main discussion was in reference to this catalog statement: “for a readmission application to be considered, students must complete a minimum of 9 hours of upper division, letter-graded coursework with a 3.000 or higher GPA.” To make the statement more uniform with the probation requirement in the catalog, members agreed to change “9 hours of upper division, letter-graded coursework” to “courses numbered 500 and above which are letter graded”.

b. Guideline for Ownership of Student Creations
Council members reviewed the draft guideline document created by Dean McDonald regarding student academic creations, and the different levels of involvement/ownership of thesis/dissertation research. It was agreed that Council members should take the document to their faculty groups for their input, and will bring back for further discussion at an upcoming meeting.

c. Discussion of Graduate SCH (student credit hours)
Council members discussed the differences between undergraduate and graduate teaching loads, and how the colleges determine loads with respect to the quality of education. Members agreed it would be appropriate to draft a statement to the Provost to emphasize what is required in teaching graduate programs. Council will continue discussion and review a draft statement to the Provost at the next Council meeting on March 5.

IV. As May Arise
- Associate Dean Masud announced that Council will hear a student appeal regarding her dismissal at the April 16th meeting. On that date faculty members from the student’s program will attend along with the student requesting the appeal. The details of the appeal will be discussed at the April 2nd meeting. Associate Dean Masud asked that as many members attend as possible. Assistant Dean Alagic will chair the meeting on April 16.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.