Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in RSC 305.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean D. McDonald, Associate Dean A. Masud, Assistant Dean M. Alagic, E. Behrman, S. Farmer, T. Hill, K. Rokhsaz, M. Schommer-Aikins, A. Tran and student representative M. Mueller.

I. Approve Minutes of November 18, 2010 meeting
Minutes of the November 18, 2010 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Old Business
   a. Exception Request from a Student
      Drs. Sawan and Watkins from Electrical Engineering joined Council to offer support for a student’s exception request to use courses that are more than 10 years old toward their master’s degree. Council had voted in the fall to deny the exception, and after hearing statements from the department, Dean McDonald opened discussion for Council to reconsider the exception. Dean McDonald also indicated he will make the final decision on the exception.
   
      b. Exception Request from a Student
      Council members discussed another exception from a student requesting to move two courses from the undergraduate transcript to the graduate transcript. The courses were taken when the student was in undergraduate status due to dismissal from Graduate School. Council voted unanimously to deny the exception request.
   
      c. RCR Update
      Associate Dean Masud noted that the RCR Committee has been formed and will be working this semester on a set of topics for building modules students can take for specific RCR training/knowledge. They will also work with ORA and Bill Vanderburgh’s office in developing topics.
   
      d. Assessment Update
      Associate Dean Masud indicated that the Assessment Committee is preparing how to roll out the new cycle for the assessment process, and is creating a template that is consistent for program use. Upon completion, he will bring to Council for their review, and then will present to the University Assessment Committee. They hope to finish by the end of the spring semester.
   
III. As May Arise
   - No items were brought forth.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.