Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in RSC 314.


I. Approve Minutes of November 17, 2011 meeting
Minutes of the November 17, 2011 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Old Business
a. Update on Professional/Scholarly Integrity Training
Associate Dean Masud gave special thanks to Elizabeth Behrman for her support of the Professional and Scholarly Integrity Training proposal discussed at the Graduate Faculty meeting in January. The requirement, which passed through a Graduate Faculty vote, will be implemented for all new doctoral students beginning in the Fall 2012 semester. The requirement for master’s students begins in the Fall 2013 semester unless a program indicates they will begin sooner. A template has been sent to departments chairs to indicate how they plan to meet the PSIT requirement.

b. 100-word Dissertation Abstract Project
Associate Dean Masud noted that CGRS/GRASP students will be asked on a volunteer basis only to prepare a 100-word abstract as they complete their dissertations. AD Masud will check with ORA to see if it will be possible to list some abstracts in their annual report.

c. Develop a policy for handling plagiarism found after a student has graduated
AD Masud is still working on draft guidelines and will bring it back at a future meeting.

III. New Business
a. Revision of Guidelines for Graduate Certificate
Associate Dean Masud provided a handout from Rick Muma with revisions to the guidelines for Graduate Certificates. Revisions were added due to a federal regulation that programs eligible for federal aid and those determined to be gainful employment programs comply with disclosure and reporting requirements. Council members were concerned that programs would be asked to track the process, so AD Masud will clarify some information with Muma’s office and email further information to departments.

b. Exception Requests to move UG credit to Grad credit
AD Masud discussed the difficulties with exception requests to move upper level UG courses taken while a student is an undergraduate to their graduate record, indicating they did graduate level work in the class.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.