Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in RSC 207.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean D. McDonald, Associate Dean A. Masud, Assistant Dean M. Alagic, R. Armstrong, E. Behrman, S. Farmer, L. Hale, M. Schommer-Aikins, A. Tran, and student representative H. Bell.

I. Approve Minutes of March 1, 2012 meeting
Minutes of the March 1, 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. New Business
a. Student submitting all previous college work before admission
Associate Dean Masud asked Council members to discuss how to address cases where a student who applies to a graduate program, fails to submit all previous college transcripts as required by the admission application. Then, following admission and later in their program of study, in order to transfer work from another institution, the student then submits an outside transcript(s) which shows previously undisclosed coursework that clearly would have impacted the admission decision in a negative manner.

The admission application clearly states by the signature line: “…I understand that failing to disclose or falsifying information could result in my dismissal from Wichita State University.” Members agreed that cases like this should be reviewed on a case by case basis, with repercussions varying from not allowing the late transcript, including the transfer coursework; assigning ‘academic dishonesty’ probation for a semester or a specified number of hours; or dismissal from the graduate program.

b. Grad School Strategic Plan
Associate Dean Masud provided members with a draft statement regarding the Strategic Plan for Graduate Education and the Graduate School. Dean McDonald indicated that the Council of Deans has been presented with the question of “What do we aspire to be in 10 years?”, and asked for input from members regarding the draft plan over the upcoming weeks of discussions with Council, and their various faculty groups. He will in turn bring back feedback from the COD as they progress with their discussions.

III. Old Business
a. Number of times an exit exam, thesis/dissertation defense can be taken
Council members determined that programs should be asked to develop a plan for limits on the number of times exit exams/defense can be done.

IV. As May Arise
Assistant Dean Alagic noted that the GRASP symposium will be held on Wednesday, April 18th in the Marcus Welcome Center, and encouraged members to attend to support graduate students who present their research (20 oral presentations and 60 posters). She indicated the need for judges of the poster presentations and will be emailing faculty for volunteers.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.