Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in RSC 207.


I. Approve Minutes of March 4, 2010 meeting
Minutes of the March 4, 2010 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. New Business
   a. Engineering Education Graduate Certificate Proposal
      Janice Ewing, Curriculum and Instruction, joined Council to review the proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Engineering Education. Council members discussed the proposal, and voted to approve the certificate with a modification to include the following specific admission requirement: Graduate students admitted in good standing to an Engineering program; either as a degree bound or non-degree A status.

   b. Exception Application
      Council members disapproved an exception filed by a student whose Graduate School application was denied, as their bachelor’s degree was not from a Regionally Accredited Institution.

   c. Feedback on Revised Recommendation for Degree form
      The Nursing Council suggested changing or removing the following statement that requires the committee chair’s signature on the Recommendation for Degree form: “As this student’s Committee Chair, I hereby confirm that I have to the best of my ability, examined the entire content of this thesis/dissertation submission. I find that this thesis/dissertation submission does not contain plagiarized material, and may now be accepted in satisfaction of degree completion requirements in accordance with Graduate School standards.” The group felt that too much weight was being placed on the committee chair to say there is no plagiarism. Graduate Council discussed the statement and agreed the form should be left as is; since the student is also required to sign that their work contains no plagiarism.

   d. Thesis/Dissertation Committee Composition (page 23, Grad Catalog)
      Council discussed the requirement that the majority of a committee’s members for thesis or dissertations must be from the major department. Following discussion, Council agreed that when referring to students whose research crosses over more than one department, an exception could be made by the Graduate Dean on a case by case basis, if the department put forward a recommendation for a change of committee structure.

III. As May Arise
   • Associate Dean Masud noted that the changes made to the criteria for Practicing Professional and Graduate Faculty Affiliate on the Appointment to Graduate Faculty form will be placed in the University Procedures Manual posted on the website by AVP Pickus.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.