The Graduate Council met on Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in Devlin Hall 2nd floor conference room.


I. Approve Minutes of April 6, 2006 meeting
Minutes of the April 6, 2006 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Announcements/Updates
- Associate Dean Eichhorn encouraged Council members to attend the GRASP (Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects) Symposium being held next Friday, April 28th in RSC. He will email Council the agenda for GRASP, and noted that the Undergraduate Research Forum is also being held during the same time as GRASP.
- The Associate Dean also mentioned that a flyer announcing financial assistance for part-time students (Educational Opportunity Fund for Graduate Students) will be mailed to Graduate Faculty on Friday. The deadline for applications is June 5.
- Dean Kovar distributed a copy of the 2006-2007 Graduate Catalog to Council members. Copies will be mailed to graduate faculty and other campus constituents in the next several weeks.

III. FY05/FY06 Matrix Report
Dean Kovar is preparing a summary for the VP on what the Graduate School has accomplished and plans to accomplish in the next year. She will mail that summary (FY05 and 06 Matrix Report) to Council for review before the May 4th meeting.

IV. Review of Draft Graduate School Matrix for FY07
Council members reviewed each section of the draft Matrix and discussed revisions. One of the suggestions was to include more quantitative information in the various sections. It was also strongly suggested to include more detail to the Support Faculty section. A copy of the final FY07 Matrix will be provided to members at the May 4th meeting.

V. As May Arise
- A question arose in reference to full or partial tuition waivers for graduate teaching students and the difference between out-of-state tuition remission and in-state tuition waivers. The Dean indicated that all GAs (GTAs, GRAs and GSAs), who are appointed for at least 16 hours a week for the entire semester, received a remission of out-of-state tuition – so they pay in-state tuition rates. In addition, GTAs receive a full or partial waiver of in-state tuition based on what percent of their assignment is teaching responsibilities.
- The Dean noted that in-state tuition waivers are billed to the Graduate School (paid back to the University). The cost for some GTA in-state tuition waivers and GA health insurance premiums are being passed on to the colleges. She will provide Council members with a copy of the document outlining that action (same document which she distributed to the Deans).

Adjourned 4:00 p.m.