Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in Lindquist Hall 200.


I. Preliminary Items

- Minutes of the April 18, 2013 meeting were approved as distributed.
- Dean Masud thanked Council members for their hard work over the last academic year.
- Expecting near unanimous approval for having only one representative each from Business and Education to serve on the Graduate Council. Deadline for votes is tomorrow, May 3.
- Denecia Angleton has been selected as the new Degree Audit Specialist in the Graduate School and has started training with Val Mounes. Val will be leaving the Graduate School in July.
- Appointments have been set next week to interview candidates for the part-time Associate Dean position in the Graduate School.
- Notifications for Mill Levy funding will be sent to colleges in the next couple of weeks.

II. Today’s Business - Review Graduate Faculty Categories

- Council members continued review of the draft document proposing four new Graduate Faculty categories to reduce and simplify the six current categories for holding Graduate Faculty membership. Following discussions, members voted and approved the proposed categories, and adding a policy for revocation or suspension of GF privileges when warranted. It was also agreed that the Regular category should have a six year review period like the others. The new categories will most likely be identified with numeric titles. A final draft will be brought back to Graduate Council in the fall semester, and then onto Graduate Faculty for final vote.

III. As May Arise

- Regarding Plan of Study: Students may sometimes be confused which catalog year applies to their Plan of Study. For graduate students, they must meet their program requirements at the time their plan of study was officially approved by the Grad School. For undergraduates, it is the semester they begin their program.
- Dean Masud indicated that the number of graduate applications has increased about 250% for the fall semester, due to the university beginning a program where outside agents are being paid on a tiered scale (based on how long a student enrolls once admitted) to bring in quality international applicants.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.