Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in Lindquist Hall 200.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean D. McDonald, Associate Dean A. Masud, Assistant Dean M. Alagic, E. Behrman, T. Craft, L. Hale, J. Price, M. Schommer-Aikins, A. Tran, and student representative H. Bell.

I. Approve Minutes of April 5, 2012 meeting
Minutes of the April 5, 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Announcements
- Associate Dean Masud encouraged Council members to sign up to help with Commencement if possible.
- AD Masud requested that members discuss the Strategic Plan for Graduate Education with their faculty groups to bring input back to Dr. McDonald.
- AD Masud noted that he emailed Ted Ayers the revision to the Student Code of Conduct section of the university policy and procedures manual, “Academic Dishonesty Detected After a Student has Graduated”. Once it is approved it will be placed in the Graduate Catalog.

III. New Business
- **a. Policy Change about Incomplete Grades**
  A handout was provided to Council members from Faculty Senate President, Steve Skinner regarding the new undergraduate policy on incomplete grades and the use of the In Progress (IP) grade. They are requesting that revision be made to the Graduate Catalog in order to have a consistent grading policy on campus. Associate Dean Masud asked members to have discussions within their departments and bring back to Council.
  
  Dean McDonald also indicated he would like to discuss during the next year’s Council the impact of plus/minus grading now that it has been in place for some time.

- **b. Proposal for changes to MSN Program**
  Drs. Betty Smith-Campbell and Victoria Mosack from Nursing joined Council to discuss the proposed concentrations in Nursing Leadership and Administration; and Nursing Education. Following review and discussions, Council unanimously approved the proposals, which will now go onto Rick Muma’s office for final approvals before forwarding to KBOR.

- **c. Proposal for changes to PhD in Applied Math Program**
  Dr. Tom DeLillo joined Council to review and answer questions regarding the proposed changes to the PhD program in Applied Math. Following discussions, Council members moved that the proposal go forward to the Provost’s Office as long as the proposal was already approved through the curriculum change process.

- **d. Grad Council Representation/Restructuring**
  Associate Dean Masud noted that 1976 was the last time he was able to find record of Council discussions regarding each college’s representation (and number from each college) on the Graduate Council. There was no mention as to why some colleges have more representatives than others. Members indicated they would like to see numbers of students, graduate faculty, and number of programs per college in order to be able to make determinations regarding
representation on the Council. AD Masud also noted that Council elections for representatives from Fine Arts, Health Professions and Education will soon take place for the next two year term.

IV. As May Arise

- Deans McDonald and Masud announced that Assistant Dean Mara Alagic is returning to full time faculty within the College of Education, and thanked her for the last four years of service to the Graduate School. The Assistant Dean position announcement will be posted within the upcoming weeks to fill the position.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.