The Graduate Council met on Thursday, May 4, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in Devlin Hall 2nd floor conference room.


I. Approve Minutes of April 20, 2006 meeting
Minutes of the April 20, 2006 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Announcements/Updates
   o Dean Kovar distributed the final copy of the FY07 Matrix that was given to the VP which included revisions Council discussed at the last meeting.
   o Dean Kovar noted that the paper TOEFL test is given at WSU through the Counseling and Testing office for students already on campus.

III. FY05/FY06 Matrix Report
Council members were provided with a copy of the FY05/FY06 Matrix Report that was forwarded to Vice President Hutchinson.

IV. Guidelines for Accelerated/Concurrent Bachelor’s to Master’s Programs
   • Council members reviewed draft guidelines for setting up Accelerated/Concurrent Bachelor’s to Master’s Programs. There was lengthy discussion about only awarding the Bachelor’s degree after a student completes nine to 12 hours of graduate level courses in the master’s program in order to be equivalent to the number of hours most undergraduate programs require for degree. Dean Kovar agreed to place that stipulation in the guidelines.
   • It was also suggested to require more than the minimum standard for initial admission of a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.00. Rather than raise the minimum standard, Council agreed to add a statement indicating that departments would need to specify (in their proposal) the criteria for identifying outstanding students to be admitted to the program.

V. Terminal Activity Guideline
Council members discussed not allowing terminal activity enrollment unless GPA is 3.0 or above. Since that kind of guideline would require substantial monitoring by the Graduate School, the Council considered a regulation that all terminal activities be graded S/U (instead of letter graded). Thus a student on probation (GPA below 3.0) could not use a terminal activity to raise their GPA above 3.0. Currently, the grading of terminal activities varies by department; however, according to doctoral program guidelines, all dissertation hours are to be S/U graded. Dean Kovar will review this with Coordinator’s at the fall 2006 meeting to see how they view the S/U grading requirement.

VI. Catalog Definitions of Thesis, Terminal Project and Dissertation
Council reviewed and made revisions to draft definitions for Thesis, Terminal Project and Dissertation which may possibly be added to the Graduate Catalog. Dean Kovar plans to ask Graduate Coordinators at the Coordinator’s meeting in the fall, if they would like to see definitions of this sort added to the Graduate Catalog.

VII. Graduate Certificate Program in Child/Play Therapy
This item has been moved to fall 2006 Council schedule.

VIII. As May Arise
   • Spring 2006 Council elections have been completed. Dean Kovar noted that Cindy Claycomb was reelected as the representative for MBA, and Sylvia Coats was reelected as the rep for Fine Arts. Kay Gibson was elected to represent C&I and Ed Leadership. Elaine Steinke was elected to represent Health Professions.
   • The Dean selected a couple of dates to schedule a dinner with Council members to wrap up the end of the Council year. An email will be sent to Council to finalize the date.

Adjourned 3:45 p.m.