Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in RSC 207.


I. Approve Minutes of April 7, 2011 meeting
Minutes of the April 7, 2011 meeting were approved with minor corrections.

II. New Business
a. Student Plagiarism Issues
Dr. Masud reported about current plagiarizing cases:
- one from Engineering (student graduated)
- one from LAS – 2007 graduate (both brought up by people from outside the university)
- current student – plagiarizing in a class; the student is not enrolled in a course
Two important issues to consider:
- How to significantly reduce plagiarizing cases?
- We have no process in place for handling cases like this (when students already graduated).

It was suggested that plagiarizing issue and need to establish the process of handling cases of plagiarizing (for those that already graduated) be introduced at the General Faculty Meeting (May 10) under as May Arise.

b. Assessment and RCR Committees update
RCR:
- Some faculty members surveyed
- Committee preparing recommendation of what training students need in certain areas – first just doctoral students and year after master students
- Ideas: CITI modules or set of required courses
  Goal - that all students are exposed to this kind of information
- Report probably needs to go to general faculty since it involves curriculum issues
Assessment:
- Every three year submission of the report
- Data collection and submission of data every year
- Looking at the university template to see what needs to be done; some things suggested to be added to the general university assessment

III. As May Arise
a. Changes in financing GTAs
- Account is in Graduate School but not under control of the Graduate School.
- Not sustainable budget.
- Implementation in spring 12.

b. Application Fee

c. Dr. Masud asked Council members to send topics for consideration at Council next year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.