Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in Lindquist Hall 200.


I. Preliminary Items

• Draft minutes of the March 6 and March 27, 2014 meetings were approved as distributed.

• Changes to the graduate faculty section of the policy and procedure manual are currently with Ted Ayres office, waiting on comments from VP Vizzini, and will then be sent onto President Bardo for final approval.

II. Today’s Business

a. English Proficiency

Dean Masud and Associate Dean Wilks brought to Council, and gave an overview of samples provided by Intensive English Level 7 student work/proficiencies and teaching goals. Upon further discussion and review by Council, members voted unanimously to allow for Intensive English students seeking graduate admission the following alternative to taking TOEFL/IELTS:

Receive a cumulative GPA of 3.00 in Levels 1 through 6 and a grade of “B+” or higher in Level 7 in WSU’s Intensive English program.

An academic program may choose to impose a higher threshold of GPA/Grade in Intensive English and/or continue to require higher scores in TOEFL/IELTS to demonstrate English proficiency. Graduate Council plans to monitor student’s academic performance to assure the appropriateness of the alternative for Intensive English students.

b. Strategic Plan Development

Council members continued work on the Graduate School Strategic Plan, and approved the following vision and mission statements.

Vision: To be the premier institution for advanced study and transformative scholarship contributing to intellectual, economic and social growth of the broader community of which we live.

Mission: Provide strategic leadership, assessment and support that foster excellence in research and graduate education that benefits Kansas and serves the greater public.

Council will continue to work on the strategic plan (goals and action items) during the final spring meeting, May 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.