Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

The Graduate Council met on March 3, 2005 in Devlin Hall in the basement conference room at 2:30 p.m.

Members present:  S. Kovar (Dean), P. Kahol (Associate Dean), S. Coats, L. Hale, K. Krishnan, P. Rillema, J. Wolff, D. Wright

I.  Approval of Minutes
   ▪ The minutes were not sent to the Graduate Council with the meeting agenda thus approval will be postponed until the March 17 meeting.

II.  Old Business
   ▪ Follow-up to Approved Changes in Graduate Faculty Categories & Committee Structure—Discussion centered around text in the current (FY 05) Graduate Catalog (section “Examinations” on page 20) indicating that:
     o with a committee of three members, one negative vote could occur and the student would still pass
     o with a committee of five members, two negative votes could occur and the student would still pass
     Via a handout the Council reviewed the text that was in the 1999-2000, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003 Graduate Catalogs.  Dean Kovar also noted the timeline when these language changes in the catalog occurred.  She stated that no formal action was taken by the Graduate Council, at that time, to approve the changes that occurred in the ‘01-‘02 Graduate Catalog.  A motion was made to return to the wording from the ’99-’01 Graduate Catalog for the FY 07 Graduate Catalog (as the printing of the FY 06 Catalog is too far along to include these changes).  The motion was approved.  Thus in the FY 07 Catalog, sections “Examinations” and “Committee Structure” will end with the statement “In the above examinations the candidate passes if no more than one negative vote is cast.”
   ▪ Graduate School Mission, Vision, and Values—The Fine Arts representative requested that creativity be entered into the Graduate School Mission, Vision, and Values statement.  Dean Kovar agreed to work with this and asked for input.  The motion to approve the mission, vision and values statement was tabled until the next meeting.
   ▪ Graduate Certificate Guidelines—Dean Kovar asked for discussion of this document and minor changes were recommended.  A motion was made to approve with the minor changes, and the motion was approved.

III.  New Business
   ▪ Search for Academic Vice President—President Beggs requested that one member of the search committee for the vice president of academic affairs be from the Graduate Council.  Dean Kovar is to submit three names.  The Council nominated L. Hale, D. McDonald, and C. Claycomb.  Dean Kovar will check with these members to see if they would be willing to serve.  If willing to serve, their names will be forwarded to President Beggs.
Earth, Environmental and Physical Science (EEPS) Proposal—The Departments of Geology and Physics submitted a proposal to revise the suspended Environmental Science program, and if approved the suspension of the program would be lifted. The following suggestions were made:

- Update the year on the title page
- Clarify the environmental science portion of the proposal (as the physics and geology portions are clarified) (pages 2-3)
- Clarify the use of the word “faculty” in paragraph 2, page 6 so it’s clear that the word refers to “graduate faculty”. In this same paragraph, line 1, change Appendix A to Appendix B.
- Include course descriptions for the CHEM courses (page 14)

IV. As May Arise

- Associate Dean Kahol went to Topeka to attend the Graduate Research Summit on March 1, 2005. This event included Wichita State, Kansas University and Kansas State University. Dr. Kahol took five students with him who presented posters of graduate research involving Kansas issues. The event was very successful with many visitors from legislators in the capital rotunda. There is a proposal that next year the Graduate Student Council’s from Kansas University and Kansas State University along with Wichita State University could host this together. Congratulations all around to Dr. Kahol and his students for making this trip.

- Dr. Kahol reminded the Graduate Council that on April 22, 2005 the Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects Symposium will take place. Please try to attend the poster sessions which will be all day or attend an oral presentation. A schedule will be sent to the Graduate Council members for their information.

Adjourned at 3:20 p.m.