Graduate Council Minutes

The Graduate Council met on March 17, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. in Devlin Hall second floor conference room.

Members present:  S. Kovar (Dean), P. Kahol (Associate Dean), C. Claycomb, S. Coats, N. Van Dyke (student representative), J. Wolff

I. Approval of Minutes from February 17, 2005 and March 3, 2005
   - The draft minutes were approved as distributed.

II. Old Business
   - Mission, Vision and Values Statement—The Graduate Council approved the statement as provided in the agenda packet.
   - EEPS Proposal—There was brief discussion clarifying the Environmental Science portion of the proposal. A motion was made to approve the reinstatement of the suspended Environmental Science master’s program based on the proposal reviewed (with several minor revisions to be requested by Dean Kovar). The motion was approved. The revised program will be a Master of Science in Earth, Environmental and Physical Sciences.
   - Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research search team—Three names of Graduate Council members were forwarded to President Beggs. Dean Kovar stated that he will select a person from that list to be the Graduate Council representative on the search team. The selection should happen relatively soon.

III. New Business
   - Growth in the Doctoral Programs—Dean Kovar would like to address growth in the doctoral programs at a Graduate Council meeting in the near future. The meeting would also discuss program growth in general. The Business representative on the Graduate Council stated it’s not likely that proposals for new programs would come forward from the Business program.

IV. As May Arise
   - The Graduate Council briefly discussed the budget situation (in relation to being able to increase program size) in certain program areas and continued the discussion of the business program (need for students, job availability, and incoming job opportunities).

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.