The Graduate Council met on April 21, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. in Devlin Hall second floor conference room.

Members present: S. Kovar (Dean), P. Kahol (Associate Dean), M. Alagic, C. Claycomb, S. Coats, L. Hale, R. Hull, K. Krishnan, R. Liera-Schwichtenberg, D. McDonald, P. Rilemma, J. Wolff and D. Wright.

Guest Speaker: Doris Anton

I. Approval of Minutes
   - Minutes were approved as distributed.
   - Dean Kovar handed out new Graduate Catalogs to Graduate Council members. Also, a copy of the Mission, Vision, and Values statement was handed out.

II. Updates
   - Committee for the VPAAR Search—Dean Kovar distributed a listing of the members on the search committee for the VPAAR. Three Council members were selected to serve on the committee. This is a good opportunity to ask questions of the candidates regarding graduate education. Questions to ask the candidates will be discussed at an upcoming meeting. The search will probably begin during the fall 2005 semester. If a Graduate Council member selected to be on the search committee is not re-elected for the next Graduate Council session, then they may come back for a few meetings with updates on the selection process.

III. New Business
   - Guest speaker Doris Anton updated the Graduate Council on the WIN/Banner project.
   - Doctoral Program Sub-Council Report—Dean Kovar asked the Graduate Council to please review the information the Doctoral Program Subcouncil had acted on. The next time the Graduate Council meetings action will be taken on the recommendations made by the Subcouncil. Dean Kovar gave the members of the committee the draft minutes from the last Doctoral Program Subcouncil to review the decisions. A brief discussion of some of the recommendations occurred.
   - Exceptions—Two students requested admission to Wichita State University with undergraduate degrees from schools that are not regionally accredited. A motion was made to deny both students requests and keep the regulation as it is written. The Graduate Council voted to approve this motion and deny both students.
IV. Old Business

- Growth in Doctoral Programs—This will be held over for another meeting.
- Electronic Dissertations—The electronic dissertation pilot project is moving forward. Some faculty members were telling students that they needed both the electronic copy and bound paper copies. In general, the student only needs to have the electronic copy. This will cut the cost for the student as UMI only charges $60.00 (for a thesis) or $70.00 (for a dissertation) to maintain an electronic database and produce a microfilm copy for the WSU Libraries. The database is available on the web and is searchable by author, advisor or key words.

V. As May Arise

- A Graduate certificate program proposal may come forward this fall to the Graduate Council. Dean Kovar asked Council members to think about whether a Graduate certificate program could come from a department that does not have a Graduate program.
- Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects Symposium—April 22, 2005 at the Hughes Metropolitan Complex. Please attend this as time allows.
- The College of Education Showcase is May 7, 2005. This will be at the Hughes Metropolitan Complex, please attend as time allows.
- The Graduate Faculty Meeting is April 28, 2005 to discuss the new Graduate Faculty category being proposed. A vote will go out via campus mail.

Adjourned at 3:50 p.m.