The Council of Graduate Studies met at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2015 in the President’s Conference Room. Dr. Brenda Koerner called the meeting to order.

**Action**

- Minutes from the February 19, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.
- Graduate Council recommended a change in full time graduate status from 6 credit hours to 9 hours with one council member abstaining.
- Grade requirements were clarified to include B- in 500-699 level courses and transfer credits. Council members approved with one council member abstaining and one council member against.

**Reports/Discussion**

- Qiang Shi discussed his recruiting activities in China.
- Gaelynn Wolf Bordonaro discussed her recruiting activities in Cyprus.
  Shared hours for students with three graduate degrees was discussed. After council discussion, she asked council members to discuss the issue related to shared hours with their respective departments. This will be an item on the next agenda.
- Council members discussed Thesis committee requirements. Council members recommended that any person who was going to serve on a thesis committee, must qualify for graduate faculty status (regular, associate or temporary) and that no temporary graduate faculty could be approved without at least a minimum of a master’s degree. If a department wishes to add a content expert who does not have at least a master’s degree, the person could serve as a content consultant, but could not sign off as a thesis committee member or be appointed as temporary graduate faculty.

**Information**

- Council members were provided with spring, 2015 graduate data.

**Regular Graduate Faculty**

- Regular Graduate Faculty status for John Morton, Associate Professor, School Leadership/MSTE was unanimously approved.

**Curricular Changes**

- The following listed curricular changes were unanimously approved:
a. IT 875 and IT899  
b. School Psychology  
c. MA832, MA820, MA835 and MA825  
d. MBA  
e. Curriculum and Instruction program (Change in title)  

- The following listed curricular changes were tabled:  
  a. SD850 and SD851 were tabled until some questions could be answered.  
  b. MA732, MA742 and MA743 were tabled changes were made in the syllabi  

Comments  

- Dr. Williams congratulated the council members on the graduate enrollment growth. The graduate council will meet with HLC in March.  
- The Graduate Council thanked Peggy Anderson for her outstanding service at graduate council.  

Adjourned at 4:20 p.m.  
Next meeting on April 16, 2015