Graduate School

Present: Butler, Cuellar, Dow (Smith), Eichenberg, Ermler, Koerner, Liss, Morales, Petersen, Sasidaharan, Schrader, Wiley

Absent: Church, Howell, Miller, Rabender, Storm

The Council of Graduate Studies met at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2014 in the President’s Conference Room. Dr. Brenda Koerner called the meeting to order.

Information/Congratulations/News

- The Provost gave Research and Grants money to fund faculty marketing efforts. School/college deans will need to work with Dean Ermler to request funds.

Action

- Minutes from the September 18 meeting were unanimously approved.

- The Brenda Breth revalidation request was tabled.

- Council members were given copies of proposed new GTA Award Form and Nomination Form. Both forms were unanimously approved with the following edits:
  1. Correct spelling of form at the top.
  2. #1 changed to a maximum of two single-spaced pages.
  3. #4 changed to a maximum of two single-spaced pages.
  4. #5 changed to a maximum of two single-spaced pages and the word “not” taken out of the first sentence.
  5. #7 changed to up to 3 samples.

  Dean Ermler will provide a proposed rubric at the November meeting.

- After council discussion, council members approved (with two members opposing) the Graduate School could give students one semester to complete any admissions tests and then an enrollment hold would be put on any student not completing the tests. The dean agreed to investigate if a hold could be put on students just to limit graduate level enrollment.

- The Outstanding ESU Graduate Faculty Mentor Award form was approved (with one abstention) with the following changes.
1. Under Eligibility—Sentence #2—Nominees must be teaching graduate courses during the current academic year and demonstrate positive student evaluations.

2. Under Evaluation Criteria—the word packet changed to portfolio.

3. Under Application Process—Sentence #3—Two (2) nomination/support letters (one from a graduate student and one from a graduate faculty colleague) evidencing the nominee’s outstanding achievements in graduate student mentorship and graduate education.

Reports/Discussion

- After council discussion regarding alternative/creative theses, council agreed these types of theses would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

- Brenda Koerner reported that any research done by a student is their intellectual property. After discussion, council members agreed to let Faculty Senate continue working on this issue.

Regular Graduate Faculty

- Regular Graduate Faculty status was unanimously approved for the following listed faculty:
  - John Barnett, Associate Professor, Social Sciences
  - Amanda Miracle, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences
  - Brian Miller, Associate Professor, Social Sciences

Curricular Changes

- Both curricular changes were tabled due to lack of representative to speak to issues.

Comments

- Gonzalo Bruce will attend the November council meeting.
- Joe Yanik will present a report on his recent graduate recruiting at the November meeting.

Adjourned at 4:30
Next Meeting November 20, 2014