The Graduate Council
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Report to the Academic Senate (7.11 – 4.26.12)

Graduate Council (Academic Senate Charges for 2012-2013)
1. Review and recommend new programs as they are advanced.
2. Working jointly with the ICC review the Academic Blueprint report. Report findings to Senate by the end of October.
3. Review the role of the Dean of Graduate Studies in relation to Graduate Council.
4. Review policies regarding enhancing RIT’s emerging graduate culture in relation to academic governance.
5. Define advising roles as it applies to graduate students.
6. Continue the ongoing work of the Institute ethics committee.
7. Identify the process by which non-credit hour degree requirements are added to the curriculum

AY 2012-2013 activities:
1. Review and recommend new programs as they are advanced
   a. 5 Graduate Programs were reviewed and approved
      • COLA A.C. in Engineering Psychology
      • KGCOE Ph.D. in Engineering
      • GCCIS A.C. in Big Data Analytics
      • KGCOE A.C. in Image and Video Processing
      • CAST M.S. in Construction Management
2. New academic programs, current concept paper.
   a. Visited Graduate Council to provide initial feedback to proposing team
      • COLA Psy.D. in School Psychology
      • COS Ph.D. in Mathematical Modeling and Scientific Computing
   b. Remaining concept papers (extend an invitation to visit Graduate Council next year)
      • SCOB M.S. in Computational Finance
      • CIAS M.S. in Design Studies
      • GCCIS M.S. Computing and Information Sciences
3. Academic Blueprint Portfolio (ABP)
   a. Graduate Council met with the Chairs of the Academic Blueprint Portfolio Taskforce (Carole Woodlock and Risa Robinson) to provide input on the Portfolio report.
   b. The Graduate Council complete their input/recommendations to the ABP team.
4. Policy Changes/Updates
a. Dr. Linda Tolan (Senior Associate Dean, CAST) visited Graduate Council soliciting feedback for updating policies solely for the Semester Conversion.
b. Graduate Council provided feedback to Dr. Tolan on the following policies:
   - D2.0 Admissions
   - D3.0 Registration
   - D5.0 Grades
   - D9.0 Advising
   - D12.0 Graduation Requirements
c. Graduate Council updated and approved the D12.0. E. MASTER’S DEGREE and D12.0.F. DOCTORAL DEGREE policy related to the seven-year extension rule.
d. Graduate Council updated changes to the “D2 I. Credit by Exam and K. Credit via Non-Traditional Learning” policy.
e. Graduate Council is developing a policy to limit the number of dual-listed courses that can be counted towards a Graduate Degree
   - A recommendation was made to limit the dual-listed SCH courses to 20% as part of the semester conversion.
   - All reviewed programs adhered to this recommendation.
   - An official policy should be developed for future programs going forward.
5. Pending Items for remaining AY
   a. Continue work on developing and updating Graduate Policies.
   b. Review the timing by which the SG graduate council representative is appointed.
6. 7-year extensions (April 2012 to April 26, 2013)
   4 granted and 1 denied since the Spring quarter of 2012. The 1 denied appealed that ruling of the Dean and the case went forth to a subcommittee of Grad Council for review. The subcommittee granted a 1 year extension as the outcome of the appeals case. In comparison to past data, there were 18 extensions 2 two denied in 7/1/2011 – 4/26/2912 15 extensions granted in 4/28/09 – 3/23/10 and 24 in 2008-2009. Total graduate enrollment at this time is 2488.
   a. at the Ph.D. level
      i. 0
   b. at Master’s level
      i. 1 Fine Arts (CIAS)
      ii. 2 Master of Science in Secondary Education (NTID)
      iii. 1 Applied and Computational Mathematics (COS
      iv. 1 Computer Science
      v. 1 Photograph (GCCIS)
7. Remaining Charges
   a. Review the role of the Dean of Graduate Studies in relation to Graduate Council.
   b. Assess our progress toward making PhD programs, where appropriate, financially self-sustaining.
   c. Continue the ongoing work of the Institute ethics committee.
Recommendation for Charges for Next Year:

- Review and recommend new programs as they are advanced by the colleges.
- Review policies and, where necessary, propose changes in current policies in connection with enhancing RIT’s emerging graduate culture in relation to academic governance
  - Review minimum number of Ph.D. research credits requirement.
  - Implement a “U” grade for research related work and update “S” and “R” grade policy accordingly.
  - Define advising roles as it applies to graduate students and define consistent terminology (e.g., mentor, Grad advisor, thesis advisor, professional advisor, etc.)
  - Complete a Thesis/Dissertation Quality policy
  - Expand Glossary of Governance Policy (work with ICC towards this effort)
- Implement the recommendations made by the Institute ethics committee.
- Review the role of the Dean of Graduate Studies in relation to Graduate Council.
- Form a Graduate Industry Advisory Board with representatives from each College, MDS, and GIS.
- Finalize a Graduate Council Logo.

Respectfully submitted

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