The Graduate Council met at 2:30 p.m. in Burnett Hall, Room 125. Those in attendance: Mike Price (chair), Chris Hendricks, Joey Crosby, John Hobe, Ed Strauser, Joyce Bergin, Ed Wheeler, Dick Nordquist, Anita Nivens, David P. Adams, Sandy Streater, Bob LeFavi, Barry Ekert, Ray Greenlaw, Steve Jodis, Annettte Wilson (JoAnn Coleman) Nora Fleming (GSCC representative), Bill Kelso (GSCC Advisor), and Holly Archer (visitor).

I. The minutes from the September 13, 2005 meeting were approved.

II. Standing Committee Reports:

Curriculum Committee – Items from the September 9, 2005 meeting were approved. Official minutes are available online at www.gs.armstrong.edu/graduatecurriculumcommittee.htm

The African American Studies program in Arts and Sciences was discussed. Dr. Price led a discussion regarding U&G courses and addressed questions regarding the courses.

Graduate Faculty Status and Activities Committee – The following candidates for graduate faculty status were approved:

1) Christopher Baker, LLP - Full, Reappointment
2) David Lake, Physical Therapy – Full, Reappointment
3) Susan Harper, Health Sciences – Assistant, Initial
4) Elizabeth Desonyer-Colas, AMT – Assistant, Initial
5) Michael Mink, Health Sciences – Assistant, Initial
6) Leigh Rich, Health Sciences – Assistant, Initial
7) Michael Ruth, Chemistry and Physics – Assistant, Initial
8) Jack Simmons, LLP – Assistant, Initial

III. Report from GSCC – Nora Fleming gave a brief overview of the GSCC: They are still inviting representatives from each of the Graduate Programs to be a part of the Graduate Student Coordinating Council and seeking tutees for the tutors providing tutorial in the Graduate Student Lounge, Victor 227.

IV. Report from the Assistant VP:

a) 5000 Level Courses- A discussion was led regarding the indication of 5000 level courses being designated as graduate or undergraduate courses. It may be determined by the University Curriculum Committee and decided at the University Faculty Meeting

b) Graduate Appeals Process-The Council agreed the appeals process should be published in the catalog. The Council will review the draft and suggest changes during the next meeting.
V. Report from the Director of the Graduate School.
   a) Admitting students with earned Master’s, Ph.D.’s and MD’s as Degree Regular students- Graduate Enrollment Services recommends that students from an accredited institution are admitted at the discretion of the program
   b) Graduation Issues-Graduate Enrollment Services suggested the following:
      Applications for graduation should be submitted two semesters prior to expected graduation.
      All requirements for graduation should be met.
      If curriculum hours are not met, the candidate should have a memo from the academic department and Dr. Thompson.

The next meeting of the Graduate Council will be held on November 8, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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