

## Charges to the Graduate Studies Council

Each of the Faculty Senate's councils has a number of ongoing charges. Those charges should be considered as renewed. In addition, the Faculty Senate Executive Board charges the Graduate Studies Council to consider, as a committee of the whole or through the appropriate sub-committee or task force, the following items:

1. definition of doctoral degrees and listing of research tools;
2. establishing GSC policy for timely voting procedures on submitted proposals;
3. study the issue of retention of graduate students across the University;
4. study the process for tracking graduate students as they complete their programs of study, and, in particular, how will the new SIS and iWebFolio systems impact this matter;
5. study the role, function, and operational efficiency of The Graduate College; and,
6. As a joint charge with the Research Policies Council, we ask the Graduate Studies Council to work with RPC and the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board to devise a required workshop for training students and faculty who do any sort of human subject research in the proper policies and procedures to be followed at WMU. This workshop should be up and running no later than the end of the spring term 2005.

Where appropriate, the work and deliberations of the council should result in policy or policies to be submitted for the consideration of the executive board and the Senate.

We further charge the council to work with the executive board through its council liaison to communicate questions or problems with the charges and their formulation to ensure that the business of the Faculty Senate is conducted in an appropriate and timely manner.