

## **Graduate Studies Council (GSC) Charges for 2007-2008**

In addition to the work specified in the GSC's Council Role Statement and the work of the GSC's Standing Committee, the Executive Board charges the GSC to consider, as a committee of the whole or through the appropriate subcommittee or task force, the following issues:

1. Joint charges with Undergraduate Studies Council:

- Review previous plans for Academic Program Planning (APP) and work with the Provost's office to determine a schedule and procedure for regular departmental review processes.
- Examine on-line courses being scheduled through Academic Technology and Instructional Services (ATIS) and explore recent developments in Extended University Programs (EUP) relating to contact hours, program delivery, and other relevant issues.
- Along with the IEC and the Study Abroad office, explore and make recommendations regarding transfer credits.

2. Joint charge with the International Education Council:

- Review recruitment and retention of international graduate students with graduate coordinators.

3. Discuss and review graduate student funding and tuition.

4. Review and make recommendations regarding the responsibilities of dissertation advisors and requirements for granting of various levels of graduate faculty status to faculty by the Graduate College.

5. Review the Graduate Advisors Handbook and make recommendations on any changes needed.

6. Explore and make recommendations regarding interdisciplinary graduate programs and interdisciplinary degrees.

7. Work with the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) and the Research Policies Council (RPC) to educate faculty and students on research ethics as it applies to graduate students.

8. Examine and make recommendations as appropriate regarding current practices with regard to graduate student recruitment (including minorities and international students) at WMU. There is likely to be wide variation between departments and colleges, but there may be problems or successful strategies in use, which would be helpful to other programs if disseminated more widely.

NOTE: The Graduate Studies Council is free to determine the specifics of how to address these charges and other tasks it wishes to engage in during 2007-08. The GSC is requested to keep the Executive Board apprised of progress, especially in connection with any memorandum of action (MOA) which it may develop, and to give ample notice of intent to bring action or reports to the full Faculty Senate. Also, at the end of 2007-08, the GSC is asked to provide a summary of its progress on the above charges to the Executive Board and suggest charges for the following year.