Visitors: Brian Rossmann, Tracy Ellig

I. Call to Order
➢ Meeting was called to order by Dr. McCoy at 2:02 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of December 16, 2010 meeting
➢ Unanimous approval of minutes, as written.

III. Information/Announcements
➢ Spring Schedule dates provided
➢ March 17 Research Council is cancelled due to Spring Break
➢ New location will be identified for upcoming RC meetings

IV. Topics for Discussion
   o Enhancing Graduate Education
     ▪ Finalize Recommendations for Deans’ Council meeting on January 31, 2011
       a) Criteria for Awarding Resident Tuition Rate to Non-resident GTAs and GRAs (handout) was formally approved as Research Council’s Recommendations for consideration by Deans’ Council which will be presented at the next Deans’ Council meeting by Tom McCoy and Carl Fox
     ▪ Discussion of Potential Approaches for Incentivizing Departments
       i. On-going infusion of monies:
          a) Research Council to send a strong recommendation to Deans’ Council that a sum of monies from the increased tuition revenues be identified for graduate programs and graduate students.
          b) Reward departments with monies using markers: graduation success rates and number of graduate students
c) Establish fellowships for initial/first year funding GRA/GTA

d) Strengthen support and increase GRA/GTA stipends

e) Provide institutional “match” monies for grant proposals that include
   GRA/GTA stipends – would incentivize faculty to write more grants

f) Set aside F&A monies from grants/contracts into a “department
   graduate enhancement fund”

ii. One-time infusion of monies:
   a) Central on-line applications
   b) Enhance recruitment material to be interactive, on-line

   o Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research – Initial Discussion
      a) Members may want to review the National Academies Press Document,
         Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research
      Carry-over discussion to next Research Council meeting

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 10, 2011, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in SUB 168 214
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