

Council of Graduate Coordinators and Staff (CGCS) Meeting

November 19, 2010

Agenda

- Graduate Learning Outcomes Update
- CBHE/MDHE: “Low” degree productivity review
- Department admissions letter
- Announcements:
 - Special Graduate Council meeting Update (Nov 30, 2010)
 - No CGCS meeting on Dec 17, 2010
 - Staff Q&A session (Dec 2; 12:00-1:30pm; Hobsons: What It Is and How to Use It)
- Open Items

GRADUATE LEARNING OUTCOMES (GLO) UPDATE

GLO Update

- Submit GLO defense rubrics via e-mail glo@mst.edu
- Working with departments to verify the total number of defense rubrics that we should be receiving
- We are receiving excellent co-operation from departments (many have already turned-in 100% or nearly 100% of their defense rubrics)

GLO Update (contd.)

- Will share GLO “best-practices” across departments next semester
- If you have questions, please contact us.
- Thanks for your help.

CBHE/MDHE: “Low” degree productivity review

- **AUGUST 17 GOVERNOR JAY NIXON** called together presidents/chancellors, provosts and governing board chairs of Missouri’s state-supported 4-year and 2-year institutions of higher education
- Nixon believes higher education is the key to Missouri’s growth and prosperity.
- Governor Nixon’s four initiatives for higher education:
 - Enroll, retain, and graduate more students with post-secondary degrees
 - Conduct a systematic, statewide review of all academic programs so that Missouri can strategically deploy its limited resources to meet educational and workforce priorities
 - Insure that state institutions of higher education become more efficient and more collaborative, both administratively and in the delivery of academic programs
 - Fund our institutions of higher education in a sustainable way that coordinates missions, addresses strategic needs, and rewards better performance

CBHE/MDHE: “Low” degree productivity review (contd.)

- **IN RESPONSE** to Governor Nixon’s request to conduct the degree program review prior to the next legislative session, the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE) forwarded to each institution a list of the degree programs that did not meet the Coordinating Board of Higher Education’s (CBHE’s) criteria for minimum numbers of degrees awarded.
- These minimum criteria, based on an average number of degrees awarded per year over a 3-year period, are:
 - 10 baccalaureate degrees
 - 5 master’s degrees
 - 3 doctoral degrees

These criteria have been in effect since 1992 and, apply to all 4-year institutions.
- Missouri S&T had a total of 29 degree programs that did not meet the minimum degrees-awarded-per-year criteria:
 - 6 baccalaureate programs
 - 10 master’s programs
 - 13 doctoral programs

CBHE/MDHE: “Low” degree productivity review (contd.)

- **RECOMMENDATIONS** submitted to MDHE at the end of October for degree programs to be terminated and our justifications for retaining those not to be terminated:
- We recommended terminating six programs, primarily based on no or extreme lack of enrollment over periods exceeding the CBHE/MDHE 3-year period.
- Justifications submitted for retaining 23 degree programs.
- Expectations going forward is that all degree programs will have to achieve the CBHE minimum degrees-awarded criteria, or nearly achieve those minimums, in order to continue.
- Many of the low-productivity degree programs are near the minimum and the enrollment pipeline strongly suggests that the minimums will be met or exceeded in the next year or two.
- Other degree programs need to develop and implement plans that will increase enrollment in those programs in order to meet the on-going minimum numbers and currently those departments are taking those steps.
- The provosts of the 13 four-year public universities have encouraged MDHE to re-evaluate the 10-5-3 criteria and MDHE has tentatively agreed to do so in the future.

CBHE/MDHE: “Low” degree productivity review (contd.)

FUTURE MDHE will present its draft recommendations to CBHE at its scheduled December 2 meeting and then its final recommendations to the CBHE at its scheduled February 9 & 10, 2011 meeting and then deliver those same recommendations to Governor Nixon the next day.

Department Admission Letter

It is important that departments **do not** make the decision to admit the student without appropriate checks from the Office of Graduate Studies. Failure to do so puts the university in a difficult position if eventually the admission denied.

The departments **can** convey to the student that the department has recommended the student for admission and that their file is currently being checked before the final admit decision is conveyed to the student.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

Nov 30th; 3:00pm

St. Pat's Room A

GRADUATE FACULTY MEETING

Dec. 6th; 3:00pm

Carver-Turner Room, Havener Center

S&T Graduate Fair Update

October 27, 2010

Total “participants” was 74.

70 of those were in person and 4 were via email.

Our Next GradStaff Q&A

Dec 2; 12:00-1:30pm (117 Fulton Hall)

- Agenda
 - Hobsons: What It Is and How to Use It
- Lunch will be provided

If you would like to join us please email lightbe@mst.edu

**Next Meeting is
January 21, 2011**

Thank you for attending.

Have a great Thanksgiving.