

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MAY 18, 2005

The graduate council met on Monday May 18 at 4:00 pm in the Walnut Room of the Havener Center. The purpose of the meeting was to determine the agenda for the next graduate faculty meeting on May 2, 2005. The two routine items of business on the agenda will be the approval of graduate degree recipients and the election of new graduate faculty officers for the upcoming fall semester.

In addition the graduate faculty has been asked to look into the possibility of granting a PhD degree to distance education students. A committee chaired by Dean Krishnamurthy has been formed to look at this possibility and to make a recommendation to the graduate faculty. The committee's work has progressed to the point where they are ready to present their results and introduce a motion that would provide the basis for a distance education PhD at UMR.

Also, Dean Crow from SoMEER has asked the graduate faculty to consider allowing graduate minors. After some discussion, it was decided to refer this to the Registrar to ensure that designating graduate minors was feasible and consistent with our current rules. At the present time, it appears that there are no regulations to preclude recognition of graduate minors. It is likely that a motion to approve the designation of graduate minors will be presented at the next graduate faculty meeting.

The graduate council meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:10 pm.