

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

## University Graduate and Professional Council Executive Summary 2004

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The UGPC began the year with researching the possibility of joining the Council of Graduate Schools. It was reported that Ferris was the only Michigan school with graduate programs that was not a member. This was taken to the Academic Senate and passed on November 4, 2003. As of this date, the administration has submitted the application. This will be a great tool for next year.

With a change in the president of Ferris, the council was concerned about the direction of our work. On November 14, 2003, the Council met with President Eisler to discuss the current issues facing graduate programs. His comments were a welcome affirmation to the council's previous work.

The Council began reviewing the work accomplished in the previous year, which focused on the Graduate Task Force recommendations. This helped identify issues to be addressed. The council revisited the University Graduate Program Guidelines from 1998. Much time was spent on rewording and reworking the original document. A new section was added describing the qualifications for Graduate Faculty. After several months of research and debate, the guidelines were taken to the Academic Senate to be adopted as university policy. On April 4, 2004 the Senate recommended this as policy.

At the same time, the Council addressed the formatting guidelines for theses and projects that are housed in the library. The original guidelines addressed only one style. The guidelines were broadened to cover all disciplines that may develop future graduate programs. The guidelines were accepted as and recommended as university policy by the Academic Senate on March 2, 2004.

The Council also researched the possibility of GRE testing at Ferris. Based on the information received, it was voted that pursuing this would not be feasible at this time.

Finally, throughout the year, various issues and concerns were topics of discussion, which will serve as a beginning point for next year's committee. These include a) prioritizing areas to specifically address, such as housing/student Life, and the infrastructure (i.e. Registrar, Library); b) Council's role in the approval process of graduate programs; c) faculty load; d) compensation for thesis, portfolio, project options, and e) off-campus graduate programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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