

Graduate Deans Advisory Council  
Meeting Notes  
February 24, 2010  
Atwood WOW Extension

Attendees: Ahmed, Anda, Buske, Fuller, Greenberg, Kayona, Mills, Mumm, Pfohl, Restani, Silvestre, Thompson, M.A., Nunes, Guentzel

- I. Review of Institutional Cost Studies  
The cost to produce a master's level graduate and a doctoral level graduate is less than the cost of both lower and upper division undergraduate education. Graduate programs generate \$570,000 in MnSCU allocations. The Graduate School continues to advocate for graduate education at SCSU.
- II. External Transcript Evaluations  
Recommendation that the SCSU purchase and implement WES transcript evaluation for applicants beginning with applicants for Fall 2011.
- III. Graduate Assistantships Updates  
Dr. Nunes is meeting with the Provost on March 8 and will hopefully have a resolution regarding graduate assistantship allocations at that time. The fact finding process has been completed and the data supported our assertion that the amount allocated for tuition waiver at SCSU was out of step with our peer institutions. At the current time have not recommended a decrease in the stipend, but there will be some type of decrease in the tuition waiver.  
Total number of graduate assistants: 354 full-time GA positions, supporting 511 students.  
Graduate assistants in some departments generate credit hours. Graduate assistants also do work in many areas to support the mission of the institution and fill roles that should have professional staff.
- IV. Continuing Enrollment Policies and Course numbers  
Tabled to March
- V. Other Items for Discussion
  - a. Creation of a Graduate Education Task Force to review the mission, vision, and role of graduate education. Not a budgetary review but visionary. Staff, faculty, administration and students would make up the group and make recommendations on the future, vision and direction of graduate education.