



Graduate Education planning process

Setting the direction of graduate education at St. Cloud State University to be competitive and healthy in the future.

- Taskforce make up
 - Sharon Cogdill and Dan Gregory – Co-Chairs
 - 4 faculty elected by FA
 - 1 Representative from administration
 - Copyright/IP expert
 - 1 faculty representative from under-represented group
 - 1 Representative from the community
- Taskforce will collect data/thoughts/ideas from campus community, compile this information and synthesize a document.
- This document will be extensively vetted across campus.
- Expected to have the first meeting early in spring semester.



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Hobsons (application software)

- Reviewed the “bridge” that is being built through the CfIS to bring data from Hobsons to ISRS
- Data will be pushed from Hobsons into ISRS each night.
 - Identified approximately 130 data fields that will migrate
 - Required extensive mapping to ensure proper migration
 - There are and additional 420 data fields that will remain in Hobsons
- Three data fields will return from ISRS to Hobsons
 - An applicant’s SCSU TECH ID
 - Hobsons AY ID
 - Sevis I-20# if admitted as an international student
- We hope to launch software in late February or early March
- Training for faculty and program support personnel will take place before the launch
- Faculty will need to be comfortable navigating in Image Now to see application documents and will enter admission decisions into the Hobsons data base via a web portal.



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Policy Change Update

Draft policy for student integrity policy/process

- Defines integrity expectations for graduate education.
- Defines a process for violations of the integrity process.
- Defines classifications of outcomes for violations.
- Looking for members of the GDAC that are willing to look at first draft. The revised draft will be brought back to the GDAC for revision. The draft will then be moved through the university approval process.



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Policy Change Update

- GRE policy
 - Allow programs to choose if GRE/GMAT is required for admission into their program.
 - Begin Fall 2012 admission
 - Process?
 - Program determines if GRE should be required
 - Program submit decision to the GS using a standardized form
 - GS will update GS literature, web sites, and internal process
 - Programs will update program literature, web sites, and internal process
- FA Graduate Committee is reviewing this policy



On the Horizon



- Binding requirements for culminating projects.
 - current process is inefficient and frustrating to students.
- Thesis and dissertation summer writing workshops
 - Enhance the writing skills of our students.
- Change in graduate committee makeup policy.
- Changes coming from HLC
 - <http://www.ncahlc.org/Information-for-Institutions/criteria-for-accreditation.html>
 - Evidence based approach
 - Minimal but not nearly sufficient outcomes
- Additional Items?