Report from Graduate Council to Faculty Congress  
Meeting dates: 09-15-10; 09-21-10  
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**GC Meeting Wed Sept 15:**

1. Chancellor Straney addressed the Council for approximately 20 min.  
   - There he highlighted the importance of the Graduate Council’s work to the University as a whole, emphasizing the role of research and graduate education not only in the direction of the University but also in terms of public relations and potential income in the form of grants, patents, and contract work, etc.
   - Chancellor Straney also emphasized that when planning new Graduate Programs, the inclusion of a business plan be an essential component, to determine where resources will come from and to define what impact a program is likely to have on the rest of the campus, Undergraduate or otherwise.

2. Council was presented with an ATP for a new professional program.  
   - This ATP was for a new Physical Therapy graduate program which will offer a doctorate level, professional degree in physical therapy.
   - There was discussion about the potential impact on the Undergraduate campus, and of the need to address such impact in further detail.
   - The committee tabled discussion on the ATP and the meeting was adjourned.

**GC Meeting Tues Sept 21:**

1. The Physical Therapy ATP was brought up again for discussion.  
   - There was concern about the potential impact of this program on the undergraduate campus, particularly in already impacted fields of study.
   - There was conversation acknowledging that is only an Application to Plan, and not the result of a fully developed planning process. Also, it was mentioned that as a procedural matter an ATP should not be evaluated on criteria that exceed the scope of the ATP.
   - There was a motion to approve the ATP on the condition that the concerns of the faculty and staff regarding potential impacts would be considered. This wording read: The ATP will be passed on the condition that the Program Planning Documents include a detailed analysis of potential impact on undergraduate education and University resources.
   - The motion to approve the Physical Therapy ATP passed unanimously with no abstentions.

2. To facilitate the detailed analysis recommended by the Graduate Council, a subcommittee would be established that would work in cooperation with the planners of the Physical Therapy Program to address the concerns of the faculty and staff for potential impact.  
   - It was emphasized that the mission of such a subcommittee would be simply to facilitate the acquisition of data and establish metrics for assessing potential impact, and not to provide resolutions to any potential impact incurred.
   - It was recommended that a preliminary, fact-finding meeting be held to investigate in further detail the planned Physical Therapy program, including degree requirements, prerequisites, etc. Also, where to seek out consultation among faculty and staff for future subcommittee meetings and what types of resources and information would be useful.
   - The first meeting of this preliminary subcommittee was held on Friday Sept 24, 2010 and will submit a report to the Graduate council at their next scheduled meeting.