

Implementation of New Graduate Programs

Policy statement approved by Vice President of Academic Affairs & Provost on April 21, 2006

Graduate Council has requested consideration to offer an accelerated marketing and recruitment path that extends opportunity to academic departments to maximize enrollment growth, without compromising institutional compliance with established governance and Federal financial aid regulations. The proposed request is adherent to established governance which defines the action taken by President's Council as the final step in the formal approval process for new graduate programs.

In response to this request, the following policy statement was approved by the Vice President of Academic Affairs & Provost on April 21, 2006.

Upon approval from the Board of Trustees and with permission from the Provost, academic departments will be allowed to market and recruit students to new graduate programs pending final approval by the President's Council with the following stipulations:

- Prospective marketing information must clearly state that the graduate program is pending final approval by the President's Council.
- Prospective applicants must be informed that the graduate program is pending final approval by the President's Council.
- No official admissions may be processed until formal action is taken by President's Council.
- The major code proposed by Graduate Study will be activated in Banner to permit marketing, recruitment and early application review.
- The major code will NOT be activated for admission to the program or financial aid eligible until formal action is taken by the President's Council and the U.S. Department of Education (USDE).
- Until final approval is complete as defined above, Banner entry would appear as:

DNP 7400 (Doctor of Nursing Practice - Pending Final Approval)
- Prospective applicants must be notified should final approval by the President's Council be delayed.