

**GRADUATE COUNCIL AGENDA
FEBRUARY 15, 2001
1:30 P.M.**

****302 CRISER HALL CONFERENCE ROOM****

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Minutes of the January 18, 2001, Graduate Council Meeting. (Enclosure 1)
2. Proposal for a new Masters in Advertising in the College of Journalism. Drs. Marilyn Roberts and John Sutherland will be present for discussion. (Enclosure 2)

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. A Mentoring Awards Program is being considered as a way to recognize and promote faculty who chair doctoral dissertation committees. Under consideration is a program that would provide cash awards to a small number (perhaps 6-8) of graduate faculty and supplemental funding for their graduate students. Other components of a campus-wide initiative to focus attention on mentoring could include letters of recognition to all faculty who graduated a doctoral student, workshops/lectures on mentoring, best practices guidelines, etc. Eligibility criteria, selection process, faculty and student involvement, distinctiveness of the award, etc. are undefined at this time.
2. The Graduate School staff seeks guidance regarding requests for retroactive withdrawals and what constitutes reasonable academic progress.