

**GRADUATE COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**NOVEMBER 17, 2005**  
**1:30 P.M.**

**264 GRINTER HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**I. ACTION ITEM**

1. Minutes of the October 20, 2005, Graduate Council Meeting (Enclosure 1).

**II. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Completion of graduate degrees in a timely manner is an important goal of the Graduate School. Registration during the summer semester helps promote this goal. However, some departments are appointing students on faculty lines during the summer, which precludes summer registration.
3. As part of the PhD completion project, we plan to develop a website to post information about graduate programs that will be made available to prospective applicants. Some of the information would include applications, admits, enrolled, time to degree, completion rates and job placement.

**III. INFORMATION ITEMS**

4. Re-addressing the graduate faculty appointment criteria. Tom Crisman and Ann Horgas-Marsiske will report.
5. The NRC (National Research Council) assessment will begin early next year. Most of the colleges will be involved in this important evaluation process. In preparation for the survey, the enclosed document on PhDs awarded by the program and college is provided for your information. The degrees awarded are for the years from 2000 to 2004 (summer, fall, spring terms) (Enclosure 2).