To: The Senate
From: The Graduate Council
Date: April 30, 2012
Re: Graduate Council AY 2011-2012 Report

The Graduate Council met seven times in 2011-12 with one meeting remaining. The Council addressed curricula and policy issues working closely with all constituents involved in SDSU graduate education. Its members relied on three subcommittees - Curriculum, Policy, and Student Affairs to provide relevant historical and current data that have informed Council’s discussions and decision-making. The Council has evaluated and approved a Joint Doctoral Program in Applied Social Science with a Concentration in Substance Abuse and a Master’s program in Hospitality and Tourism Management. Additionally, the Council has considered information about curricular changes in 31 graduate programs. The Council has addressed a number of policy issues. Specifically, it approved a) an one-year GMAT waiver for Maltese applicants to the SDSU/University of Malta Collaborative Program in Integrated Marketing Communication, b) admission procedures for students concurrently enrolled in certificate and degree programs, c) use of ProQuest for thesis and dissertation storage in lieu of microfiche, d) coursework taken at a partner institution within an exchange program as resident coursework that can be counted toward a degree with a stipulation that a minimum of 50% required units must be taken at SDSU, excluding thesis units, and e) upheld the existing policy about a minimum GPA score for master’s students, including blended (4+1) programs. In collaboration with the Enrollment Services, the Council has monitored graduate applications, admissions, and enrollment for domestic (resident and out-of-state) as well as international students. The Council approved distribution of non-resident tuition waivers (NRTWs) in two rounds, considered a revision of the existing distribution criteria to account for a reduction in the total allocation of waivers, and determined distribution priorities in round two. Additional issues that the Council has considered include admission cycles and application deadlines, academic review procedure, Montezuma Publishing thesis review, and availability of State University Grants (SUG) to graduate students.