

# **Graduate Council Annual Report 2010-11**

**2010-11 Chair: Benedict McWhirter, Dept. Head, CPHS, College of Education**

- Announced a new initiative to support innovation in graduate education and made a call for proposals. The initiative is designed to support the goals of graduate enrollment growth, programmatic excellence, and greater diversity.
- Announced the 2010 competition for two Excellence Awards: the Best Director of Graduate Studies and for the Best Graduate Coordinator.
- Announced visit from Debra Stewart, President on the Council of Graduate Schools, as part of the Challenges in Graduate Education Colloquium Series.
- Approved proposal for delivery of Educational Leadership Program on Bend Campus from the Department of Educational Methodology, Policy, and Leadership in the College of Education.
- Discussed new budget model and how it affects graduate funding and related issues. Guest Brad Shelton, Vice Provost for Budget and Finance, attended Council meeting to discuss new budget model and answer Council members' questions.
- Discussed Proposal for the Oregon Leadership in Sustainability (OLIS) Graduate Certificate.
- Discussed February 11, 2011 Graduate Student Research Forum.
- Discussed the Future of Graduate and Professional Education.
- Approved the request of the Russian and East European Studies Center (REESC) to change its name to the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Program.
- Discussed Diversity Strategic Action Plan for Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies.
- Discussed development priorities for the Graduate School.
- Discussed Graduate School-administered awards.

- Discussed Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in New Media and Culture.
- Discussed Doctoral Dissertation Committee Policy and set agenda item for fall, 2011, to revise policy based on increased interdisciplinary study and cross-institutional doctoral research training.