Approval of the Minutes
The minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

Program Proposal: Ph.D. and M.S. in Computational Modeling and Simulation
The proposed program would offer a curriculum focused on numerical algorithms and advanced computing technologies. The program will be jointed administered by Arts and Sciences and the Swanson School of Engineering. It is designed to provide the very best students with access to faculty mentors who are experts in computational research in the sciences, mathematics, statistics, computer science, psychology, economics, and engineering. The Ph.D. degree would be awarded either from the School of Arts and Sciences or from the Swanson School of Engineering, depending on the location of the student’s major advisor. The M.S. in Computational Modeling and Simulation option would be available to students who do not complete the Ph.D. program.

Council asked the presenters several questions and then discussed the proposed program. Members noted the tremendous effort required to build a truly interdisciplinary program that spans Arts and Sciences and Engineering. Council generally supported the program, although they did identify a few points that might strengthen it. They did not think that their suggestions should delay the approval process. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed Ph.D. and M.S. degree programs. All voted in favor of the motion. They did request that the presenters take some time to consider the following comments and respond in writing to Council. Their concerns centered on the following issues:

1) How does the program provide unification across the fields, particularly in the absence of a common core set of courses taken by all students?
2) How will the program provide an intellectual and social student community? What types of community-building infrastructure will be provided?

3) How will students obtain professional development skills, such as ethics, grant-writing, presentation skills, etc.?

4) How will fellows in their first year select their research mentors? Could rotations be implemented to facilitate this selection?

Program Proposal: Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Nursing Case Management for Primary Care
The School of Nursing anticipates a new model of care delivery, with nursing case managers assuming a pivotal coordinating role as members of primary health care teams. In this capacity, registered nurses would actively participate with patients and their family members to identify and facilitate options and services for meeting individuals’ health needs. For health care workers with the appropriate clinical experience, the proposed certificate program would provide the educational preparation necessary to sit for the certification examination in Case Management Nursing from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. This program would provide a path so that nurses with BSN degrees can participate in primary care.

Council asked how Nursing decided on the essential elements of the program. Nursing responded that they used a model of diabetes care because typically BSN health care providers also educate their patients to obtain the best care for their diabetes.

Council discussed the proposed program. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed Postbaccalaureate Certificate program. All voted in favor of the motion.

Announcements

The Provost’s Award for Excellence in Mentoring Reception honoring the awardees and nominees will be held on April 26, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Graduate Student Parental Accommodation
A suggested “Request for Graduate Student Parental Accommodation” form as referenced in Section III of the Graduate Student Parental Accommodation Guidelines was circulated. Schools may use this form as is, with modifications, or develop their own. Please note that there is no university-wide approval process in place. The motivation for the “approval” is to ensure clear communication of the terms of the accommodation. Schools might consider listing any specific modification of deadlines and academic expectations on the form under the Terms of accommodation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.