GPC: Graduate Bulletin Changes

Summary of Changes

Structural Changes:
- Moved enrollment-related language from thesis and dissertation sections into Course Load section
- Now has a clearly labeled full-time and underload definition
- Reorganized that section as follows:
  o General language
    ▪ applies to all students
    ▪ specifies various enrollment requirements under various scenarios (e.g. for TAs, financial aid, etc.)
  o Official definition of Full time and Underload
    ▪ (later on, F1/J1 students will be exempt from this)
  o Section for F-1 and J-1 students,
    ▪ clearly EXEMPTS them from the Full-time and Doctoral Students sections
    ▪ includes language written by Kristen Hagen from CGE
    ▪ specifies enrollment minimum requirements before and after completing 24 dissertation or 6 thesis/project hours
    ▪ explains process to follow for requesting minimum enrollment
  o Language on Master’s Students
    ▪ applies to all students, incl. coursework only students
  o Language on Doctoral Students
    ▪ (earlier, F1/J1 students were exempt from this)
    ▪ Specifies circumstances under which students may be able to drop down to 2+ hours
    ▪ Explains process to follow for requesting minimum or underload enrollment

Content Changes:
- Created separate policy for F1/J1 students → different paths (2 policies) lead to same end result (being able to drop to minimum enrollment)
- The “green” language, written by Kristen Hagen from CGE, complies with federal regulations
  - Changed requirement to get written approval from faculty member to “approved by”
  - Changed requirement to get written deans/designee’s approval to “may require” and “guidelines ... vary by college ... available at respective Dean’s Offices”
  - Clarified that minimum enrollment decision must be initiated by the student

More minor changes:
- Added “project” (to thesis and dissertation options)
- Added a reference to the Office for Graduate Fellowships and Awards regarding externally-funded fellowships
- Added language for master’s students on coursework-only track
- All other changes were just copy/paste or small edits for grammar or to make language parallel, or to clean up after paragraphs were moved, etc.
- CGE updated the paragraph describing its center. [This may not even require Senate approval.]