Title: Support for Graduate Council Leadership Positions

Initiative Description, including statement of purpose and anticipated outcomes:
The Graduate Council transitioned from being led by the Graduate Dean and Associate Dean to a Faculty-led body, supported by the Graduate Dean and Associate Dean. There are now two faculty leadership positions which help set the agenda, run, and moderate the bi-weekly meetings: A Graduate Council Chair and Vice-Chair. The workload can be significant, and we request a course release for one quarter for each position. This should allow for adequate time to plan, organize, and help assess Graduate Council initiatives and functions, and incentivize participation.

What University units (depts., colleges, etc.) will be involved?
Departments with a Graduate program could be impacted, including Accounting, Anthropology, Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Computer Science, Educational Leadership, Elementary Education, English, Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, Geology, History, Human Services and Rehabilitation, Kinesiology, Mathematics, Music, Psychology, and Secondary Education.

How does the initiative support the University Mission and Strategic Plan?
Builds on strengths

Are there potential partnerships with external organizations/institutions?
N/A

Anticipated new positions needed to implement the initiative:
   Faculty: N/A
   Staff: N/A
   Graduate Students (supported): N/A

Space needs (boldface one; attach note from Space Administration):
   - Existing space is sufficient
   - Existing space will be sufficient after modification
   - New space may be required

New equipment or other one-time costs: N/A

Recurring operating costs: $24,000

Estimated timeline for implementation: FY 2017

Potential funding sources (boldface all that apply; attach notes from University Advancement and University Relations)
- State operating budget (decision package)
- New enrollments (tuition-based)
- External Education (fee-based)
- **Reallocation**
- Federal Support (agency: ______ )
- Grants
- Partnerships (organizations/institutions: ______ )
- Private Funds
- Other (please specify)