I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Dr. Joey Crosby.

II. Minutes of October 1, 2013. The minutes were approved by email on October 4, 2013.

III. Committee Reports
   A. Graduate Faculty Status (see Attachment 1)
      The committee accepted the report of the Graduate Faculty Status Committee as presented.

      Dr. Skidmore-Hess reported that the committee was going to be looking at graduate faculty membership criteria. The criteria may need to be adjusted to accommodate Lecturers and Senior Lecturers.

   B. Graduate Curriculum. The committee did not meet in October.

   C. Graduate Student Appeals
      Dr. Rod McAdams has replaced Dr. Hongjun Su as a committee member.

IV. GSCC
   There have been a record number of requests for funding. The amount left in the budget for the 2013-14 academic year is $2410.90. Awards have been made as follows:

      Physical Therapy: $8300
      Health Service Administration: $3000
      Public Health: $2600
      Communication Sciences and Disorders: $400
      Sports Medicine: $2500
History: $800  
Education: $2000

The hooding ceremony is December 6. Information has been sent to graduating graduate students. They are being asked to RSVP individually.

V. John Kraft  
The ad hoc committee evaluating graduate assistant requests met to review the at-large applications. There were 14 requests. About 10 of them will be funded, in addition to the 16 program-designated slots. Information on the decisions will be sent out next week.

VI. Carey Adams  
Earlier this semester, Ms. Susan Hacker did an audit of the process for filling graduate assistantships. For program-designated slots, the recruiting is direct. For at-large slots, the current procedure is to collect the applications in a folder where they can be reviewed by faculty with available slots. Ms. Hacker suggested that it might be more efficient to do this electronically, possibly using PeopleAdmin.

There was discussion. The consensus was that PeopleAdmin is too cumbersome and slow, and that it would make the process much more difficult and time-consuming for faculty. It was suggested that scanning applications to GoogleDrive might be more useful.

Dr. Adams said he had not spoken with Student Affairs yet to see what their thoughts are on the subject.

VII. Jill Bell  
Ms. Bell is waiting on information from Career Services about the fair. Currently the data is not accessible due to data migration on the computers.

Graduate Studies is preparing to move back to Victor Hall.

The graduate PDF application is being updated in conjunction with Banner Ellucian consultants. Work is also being done on uploading GRE scores, but there is a problem with matching criteria.

VII. Other Business  
A. Senate restructuring of committees  
The Senate is working on restructuring committees. There is a proposal coming up to disassociate the Graduate Affairs Committee, as well as some other committees, making them independent of the Senate. There was brief discussion. Consensus is that there is no real downside in this for the GAC. It
was suggested that if this comes about, the GAC may want to look at their own bylaws and possibly have the chair and vice chair alternate going to the Senate meetings to stay in touch with what is going on. Dr. Rahimi said she would keep the committee posted.

B. Summer revenues
Dr. Adams and David Carson will have the summer revenue sharing information out within the month, before faculty

C. No meeting
There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 14.

D. Hooding Ceremony
The date for faculty to RSVP for the hooding ceremony is November 12. Please help get the deadline out there. So far 39 faculty have responded in the affirmative.

E. Full-time status for financial aid purposes  Linc Morris
Current full-time is defined as 9 credit hours. Students are eligible for financial aid as half-time students, which would be 4.5 credit hours. Most students take class in 3-credit increments, making 4.5 an awkward number. Mr. Morris said they are changing full-time status to 6 credits for financial aid purposes, making more students eligible for aid. He said it would be up to the GAC whether to change the definition for catalog purposes as well.

It was moved and seconded to endorse a change in institutional designation for full-time graduate student for financial aid status to 6 credit hours full-time, 3 credit hours for half-time. The motion carried.

VIII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis L. Fulton
Coordinator of Faculty Information and
Graduate Catalog Editor
Graduate Faculty Status Committee
Report: October 29, 2013

Members: Tim McMillan, Andi Beth Mincer, Pam Mahan, Linda Ann McCall, Glenda Ogletree, Daniel Skidmore-Hess (Chair), Jane Wong

The committee recommends approval of the following applications for graduate faculty status:

Full
Becky da Cruz  Criminal Justice, Social & Political Science  initial at this level

Associate
Brenda Logan  Adolescent and Adult Education  reappointment
Barbara Hubbard  Childhood & Exceptional Student Education  reappointment
Denene Lofland  Diagnostic & Therapeutic Sciences  initial
Robert Terry  Languages, Literature, & Philosophy  initial
Joshua Williams  Psychology  initial

Temporary
Sherry Serdikoff  Psychology  initial

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Skidmore-Hess, Chair