The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Dean Judith Walker de Felix. Members in attendance: Haiyan Cai, Cynthia Dupureur, Sally Ebest, Susan Kashubeck-West, Stephen Moehrle, David Ronen. Members absent: Michael Bahr, Carl Bassi, Teresa Guess, Ruth Jenkins, David Kimball, Bill Kyle, Michael Murray, Wendy Olivas, Richard Rosenfeld.

I. Minutes

The minutes of March 14, 2008 were approved pending one change. The Business program change was clarified to reflect approval of change to the curricular designation of course work at the 4000-level and below.

II. Curriculum and Instruction – Jamie Campbell

The following course proposals are recommended for approval:

- CS 4280  Program Translation Techniques (change P)
- Nrsng 6144  Health Promotion and Cultural Diversity (add)
- Nrsng 6530  Clinical Diagnosis for Advanced Nursing Practice (add)
- Nrsng 7212  Biostatistics 2 (add)
- Nrsng 7403  Research Institute 3 (add)
- Nrsng 7404  Research Institute 4 (add)
- Nrsng 7482  Seminar in Health Promotion and Protection (drop)
- Nrsng 7483  Health Restoration and Support (Drop)
- Nrsng 7484  Health Care Systems 3 – (Drop)
- Nrsng 7485  Nursing Research Designs and Methods (change T, P, D)
- VisSci 6400  Sensory Processes and Perception (change P, CD)
- VisSci 6401  Visual Optics (change P, CD)
- VisSci 6402  Ocular Anatomy and Physiology (change P, CD)
- VisSci 6403  Psychophysical Methods and Experimental Design (change P, CD)
- VisSci 6404  Sensory Neuroscience (change P, CD)
- VisSci 6405  Neuroanatomy (change P, D, CD)
- VisSci 6406  Geometric Optics (change P, D, CD)
- VisSci 6451  Corneal Physiology (change P, CD)
- VisSci 6452  Growth and Development of the Visual System (change CD)
- VisSci 6453  Advanced Physiology of other Sensory Systems (change D, CD)
- VisSci 6454  Binocular Vision (change CD)
- VisSci 6455  Visual Information Processing (change CD)
- VisSci 6456  Oculomotor Systems (change CD)
- VisSci 6457  Comparative and Evolutionary Aspects of Vision (change CD)
VisSci 6458  Noninvasive Assessment of the Visual System (change CD)
VisSci 6459  Introduction to Computer Programming for Vision Research (change P, CD)
VisSci 6470  Individual Studies in Vision Science (change T, D, CD)
VisSci 6490  Graduate Research in Vision Science (change T, CD)
VisSci 6497  Interdisciplinary Geriatric Care (change CD)
VisSci 6499  Current Topics in Optometry and Vision Science (change P, D, CD)
Spec Ed 6446  Reading Instruction and Intervention in Special Education (add)

The following program proposals are recommended for approval:

- M.A. Communication – change in wording regarding TOEFL requirements
- M.S. Physiological Optics – change curricular designation to Vision Science
- Ph.D. Physiological Optics - change curricular designation to Vision Science
- Philosophy 2+3 program – officially delete GRE requirement
- M.A. Philosophy - officially delete GRE requirement
- Blanket program change form – adding learning outcomes to all bulletin listings
- Ed.D. Education – added a better description of the counseling emphasis area and reducing number of hours for degree from 120 to 90 to conform to similar program requirements.

Council approved the report as submitted.

IV. Review of Recruitment Fellowships

Council reviewed and chose the following applicants for recruitment fellowships:

Mueller – Psychology Clinical
Bear – Biology EE
Mason – Physics

Alternates chosen were:
Miller, Biology EE
Barlow, Biology Cell
Williamson, Chemistry

V. Request from Clinical Psychology

“The doctoral program in clinical psychology is petitioning the Graduate Council to allow a switch to the grading scheme for the following 4 practicum courses, from letter grades to grades being awarded as “Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory.” We
have recently revised our evaluation form that we use to provide detailed feedback to students on a semester-by-semester basis (see attached). Students and faculty discuss and sign the clinical evaluation form, students keep a copy, and a copy goes in their student file.

Moving the grading scheme from letter grades to S/U better captures the reality of the judgments we make about students progressing through the program (i.e., should we allow the student to move to the next level of clinical training, or require them to re-do a specific clinical training experience?). We then provide more feedback for developmental purposes in the evaluation process that occurs apart from formal grades.

7431 Clinical Supervision (1-3) – supervised experience in clinical practice
7439 Summer Supervision (1) – supervision experience in clinical practice at all graduate year levels during the summer months
7450 Clinical Internship I (1) – supervised training in an affiliated agency or organization following completion of two years of course work
7451 Clinical Internship II (1) - supervised training in an affiliated agency or organization following completion of two years of course work

Council approved the request unanimously.

VI. Dean’s Report

What do we expect of graduate students? The dean distributed a table of competency categories – conceptual understandings; knowledge & skills in areas of faculty work; interpersonal skills; personal attitudes and habits. Gaps – lack of common core values; The Dean suggested using this to see how different programs develop their students in these ways and discuss at a future Graduate Council meeting.

Strategic Plan. One goal of the plan is to increase graduate enrollment to 3075 in the next ten years. Attrition isn’t a large problem here. Should we use facebook or utube for recruiting students? Social networking is top use by college and high school students. There will not be any new funds for new initiatives. Do we offer an 8 week semester similar to some of our competitors? We could offer more online courses but it isn’t easy to find faculty. It’s double the amount of work with no incentive. Encourage deans to be open to creative thinking and encourage department chairs to be flexible for faculty teaching.

Graduate Research Fair. The event will be Thursday, April 17 from 4:00 – 5:30 in MSC Century B and the third floor rotunda. Besides the poster presentations, we’d like to advertise awards of achievement that graduate students have received.

In the future, perhaps we could give an award for an outstanding GTA/GRA or faculty mentoring. Even if it is not a monetary award, recognition is appreciated.
There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Heckel
On behalf of
Teresa Guess, Secretary
And Vice-Chairperson