The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Dean Judith Walker de Felix. Members in attendance: Wilma Calvert, Maris Gillette, Donald Gouwens, Alan Heisel, Beth Huebner, David Kimball, Susan Kashubeck-West, Haitao Li, Wendy Olivas, Donald Sweeney, Matthew Taylor, Ben Torbert, Wes Harris, Associate Dean. Members absent: Carl Bassi, Adrian Clingher, Michael Griffin.

I. Minutes
The minutes of the November 21, 2014 meeting were approved.

II. Curriculum Items
Council reviewed and approved the following course proposals:

- Bio 4245  Field Biology  Change D
- Cns Ed 6620  Advanced Play Therapy  Change H
- Cns Ed 6630  Counseling  New
- Cns Ed 7025  Advanced Counseling Research  New
- Cns Ed 7040  Advanced Group Procedures in Counseling  New
- Csn Ed 7075  Counselor Education  New
- Ed Tech 6434  Technology and Privilege  Change D
- Educ 7998  Dissertation in Practice Research  Change D, P
- Educ 7999  Dissertation Research  Change D, P
- Eng 4939  The Bible for Students of Literature  New
- Hist 6136  Emerging Museum Practices  NEW
- Inf Sys 6860  Data Integration  New
- Infsys 6848  Principles of Information Security  P
- Mgmt 5690  Management Internship  New
- Phys 4370  Relativity and Cosmology  Change D, P
- Sec Ed 5999  Biology Teaching Advanced Seminar  Change D, H, P

Council approved the following program proposals:

- M.A. History – concentration in Museum Studies (change)
- M.Ed. Counseling – emphasis in Clinical Mental Health (change)
- Graduate Certificate in Secondary School Teaching (change)
- M.Ed. Secondary Education – option in Teacher Certification (Change) – with a request that OASIS be spelled out.
- M.Ed. Secondary Education – emphasis in Middle Level Education (change)
- M.Ed. Educational Psychology (change)
- Ed.S. Educational Psychology – emphasis in Education Research and Program Evaluation (change)
- Ed.S. Educational Psychology – emphasis in Character and Citizenship Education (change)
III. **Discussion of Proposed changes to policy for a Professional Doctorate (draft attached)**

The proposed policy changes part of section 2.0 Graduate Faculty. It adds “non-tenure track” to the adjunct faculty section and adds the following sentence:

“Non-tenure-track faculty approved as Professional/Special Appointment Graduate Faculty who demonstrate scholarship in their discipline as defined by the college may chair capstone projects in professional doctorate programs.”

The changes will allow faculty in this category to chair capstone projects. They still will not be eligible to chair dissertation or thesis committees. The remainder of the document is a new section on professional doctorates which parallels the Ph.D. policies.

10.1 emphasizes that the professional doctorate requires the same academic rigor as the Ph.D.

10.12 indicates that programs may permit collaborative capstone projects, but students must be able to document their original contributions to collaborative projects.

Council had some questions and concerns about collaborative projects. Will there be one defense; one dissertation committee? How will students be judged on individual and collaborative work? What happens if someone in the group doesn’t pull their weight in the project? Drs. Haywood and Farberman will be invited to the next meeting to answer questions.

IV. **Dean’s Report**

The Graduate Program Directors suggested an orientation for graduate students where they could meet students across disciplines. This would be one way to promote diversity.

The Graduate School Research Fair is Monday, April 20, from 4:00 – 5:30 in the MSC Century Rooms. It will be comprised of undergraduate and graduate student researchers. Think about wow we can get students involved that don’t fit into the poster-style format. Suggestions: TED talks, oral presentations. Someone asked if we should offer to pay for student posters. The Biology department will not cover the cost and therefore their students won’t participate.

Dissertation Fellowships are due in March and will be reviewed at the March 20 Council meeting. At the February meeting we will need to discuss how we want to handle voting this year.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Heckel for
Susan Kashubeck-West, Secretary
and Vice Chairperson