The committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) met at 1:30 p.m. on January 18, 2006 in room 210 in the University Community Center (UCC). Those in attendance were: Dr. Adel Abunawass, Dr. Jonathan R. Anderson, Dr. Judy Butler, Dr. Jack Charlesworth, Dr. Ron Colley, Dr. Cathleen Doheny, Dr. Maria Doyle, Dr. Myrna Gantner (also substituting for Dr. Linton Deck), Dr. Jorge Gaytan, Dr. Michael Hazelkorn, Dr. David Hill (substituting for Dr. Luke Cornelius), Dr. Laurel Holland, Dr. Martha Larkin, Dr. Richard Larkin, Dr. Elaine MacKinnon, Ms. Dawn McCord (substituting for Dr. Kevin Hibbard), Dr. Barbara McKenzie, Dr. Harry Morgan, Dr. John Myers, Dr. Hema Ramanathan, Dr. Brent Snow, and Dr. Laurie Taylor. Dean Jack O. Jenkins presided.

I. Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes
The minutes for the November 16, 2005 meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies were approved.

III. Report from the Subcommittee on Graduate Faculty
A. Approval of Appointment to Graduate Faculty
The following individuals were approved for regular appointment to the graduate faculty:

Hall, Mark Andrew, Assistant Professor of French, Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison, requested by Dr. Overfield.

Houvouras, Shannon, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Ph.D. University of Florida, requested by Dr. N. Jane McCandless.

Hunter, Thomas R., Assistant Professor of Political Science, Ph.D. Johns Hopkins University, requested by Dr. Janet M. Clark.

Jenks, David, Associate Professor of Criminology, Ph.D. Florida State University, requested by N. Jane McCandless.

Mowling, Claire M., Assistant Professor of Physical Education and Recreation, Ed.D. Auburn University, requested by Dr. Brent Snow.

Pearce, Robert, Associate Professor of Business Administration, Ph.D. University of South Carolina, requested by Dr. Thomas W. Gainey.
The following individuals were approved for temporary appointment to the graduate faculty:
Dowd, Samuel S., Temporary Instructor of Art, MFA Kansas State University, requested by Ms. Deborah Santini.

Fuller, Melanie, Instructor of Music, MM State University of New York at Stony Brook, requested by Dr. Kevin Hibbard.

Green, Ravonne, Part-time Asst. Professor of Special Education, Ph.D. Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, requested by Dr. Michael Hazelkorn.

Robinson, Ann M., Part-time Instructor, Ed.S. University of West Georgia, requested by Dr. Bob Powell.
(Special permission for Spring semester 2006 only)

IV. Old Business
A. GRE Analytical Writing Scores
After some discussion, the Committee approved a motion stating that the GRE Analytical Writing score would be used as an additional test score, not instead of the Quantitative or Verbal scores of the GRE.

As additional information Dean Jenkins stated that GRE would change again in October 2006. New GRE Verbal and Quantitative and Verbal scores will be on a scale of 110 – 150. The Analytical Writing Test will be scored on the same 6 point scale it is now. He asked the committee to be aware that this also would need to be discussed at a future meeting. (THE NEW GRE WILL NOT BE GIVEN FOR THE FIRST TIME NOW UNTIL FALL 2007).

VI. New Business
A. Course Changes
Richard College of Business
MBA
MODIFY
MBA Program
(Approved by COGS)

Management and Business Systems
MODIFY
ABED 6100 Managerial Reporting (modify title)
B. Provisional vs. Stipulated Enrollment
Dean Jenkins asked Committee members their thoughts on the possibility of departments recommending whether students should be admitted provisionally, instead of being constrained by minimum grade point average and test scores established by the Graduate School. The automatic stipulation for students admitted provisionally is that s/he must past at least nine hours with no grade lower than “B.” There is minimal or no financial aid for graduate students classified as provisional. Some representatives expressed support for the change. However, other representatives expressed sufficient concern with the change that the Dean decided to withdraw his request for consideration of such a policy change at this time.

The meeting was adjourned. The Ed.S. Appeals Committee met afterwards.