The committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) met at 1:30 p.m. on March 15, 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. Luke Cornelius (also substituting for Dr. Myrna Gantner), Dr. Linton Deck, Dr. Cathleen Doheny, Dr. Maria Doyle, Dr. Tom Dvorske (Guest), Dr. Jorge Gaytan, Dr. Martha Larkin, Dr. Richard Larkin, Dr. Elaine MacKinnon, Dr. Barbara McKenzie, Dr. John Myers, Dr. Brent Snow, Dr. Sandra Stone, Dr. Laurie Taylor and Ms. Patricia Wells (Guest). Dean Jack O. Jenkins presided.

I. Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes
The minutes for the January 18, 2006 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:
Dutt, Swarna D., Professor of Economics, Ph.D. Wayne State University, requested by Dr. David Boldt.

Salter, Stephen B., Professor of Business Administration and Chair, Department of Accounting and Finance, Ph.D. University of South Carolina, requested by Dr. Ron Colley.

The following individuals were approved for temporary appointment to the graduate faculty:
Saurino, Penelope L., Temporary Instructor of Middle Grades Education, Ed.D. Boise State University, requested by Dr. John Myers.

VI. New Business
A. Course Changes
College of Arts and Sciences
Computer Science
ADD
Graduate Certificate in Software Development
Graduate Certificate in Human-Centered Computing
Graduate Certificate in System and Network Administration
Graduate Certificate in Web Tech
MODIFY
Master of Science in Applied CS
(All Computer Sciences Course Additions and Modifications Approved by COGS)

English
ADD
Masters of Arts in Teaching English
ENGL 6101 Introduction to the Profession: Research and Teaching in the English Language Arts
(Approved by COGS)

Nursing
ADD
NURS 6287 Clinical Nurse – Practicum I
NURS 6387 Clinical Nurse – Practicum II
NURS 6400 Scholarly Inquiry in Nursing
NURS 6401 Health Promotion & Adv. Health Assessment
NURS 6402 Advanced Nursing Management of Health and Disease

DELETE
NURS 6200 Nursing Research Methods

MODIFY
Master of Science in Nursing Program objectives
(All Nursing Course Changes Approved by COGS)

Political Science
ADD
POLS 5214 Urban Politics
(Approved by COGS)

Sociology
ADD
SOCI 6660 Institutional Ethnography
(Tabled by COGS)

College of Education
Curriculum and Instruction
MODIFY
M.Ed. P-12 Education-French
B. Dean Jenkins stated that he and Dr. Hynes had met with Dr. Jane McCandless (Chair of Sociology and Criminology) and a Sociology graduate student to discuss whether there could be some sort of “guarantee” for (female) graduate assistants in case of unforeseen circumstances. After some discussion the consensus seemed to be that there were too many downsides at this time to instituting any sort of position guarantee for graduate assistants. However, Dr. Jenkins will invite Dr. McCandless to an upcoming COGS’ meeting to give her the chance to more fully discuss her proposal before the committee.

C. Dean Jenkins stated that the appeals process for admissions and appeals appears in the Graduate School Catalog on page 63. There was discussion that the appeals process on page 63 was in conflict with the appeals process on page 68 of the catalog. After further discussion, Dr. Gaytan made a motion to discuss this with PAC. The motion was seconded and denied. Dr. Abunawass indicated that COGS must make the decision on this issue. He proposed that all departments gather copies of their appeal process as well as College’s, the Graduate School’s, and university policies and review and see if a change to the appeal process at the Graduate School level needs to be changed. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

D. Dean Jenkins stated that the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) has changed and that new minimum scores will need to be established for the Graduate School. The current minimum score is 523 (paper) and 193 (computer based). The new test will be a web based test. A web based score comparable to the Graduate School’s current minimum score would be 69-70. However, this is a composite score consisting of scores from an individual’s performance on Reading, Listening, and Writing subtests. Dean Jenkins stated that members should discuss with their program faculties whether they desire to establish minimum score levels for specific subtests.

E. Provisional Admission: GREW Scores were discussed and Dean Jenkins recommended the provisional admission subtest score be 3.0. Committee members will discuss this recommendation with faculty in their departments.

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