The Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) met at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 in the Sanford Hall conference room. Those in attendance were: Dr. Chris Aanstoos, Dr. Judy Butler, Dr. Ron Colley, Dr. Cita Cook, Dr. Luke Cornelius, Dr. Lisa Crafton, Dr. Jorge Gaytan, Dr. Dick Larkin, Dr. Kareen Malone, Dr. Barbara McKenzie, Dr. Kathy Moffeit, Dr. John Myers, Dr. Don Rice, Dr. Brent Snow, Dr. Sandra Stone, and Mr. John Wells. Dean Jack O. Jenkins presided.

I. Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the February 11, 2004 meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies were approved.

III. Approval of Graduate Faculty

Dr. John Myers reported on the Subcommittee on Graduate Faculty’s recommendations for membership on the graduate faculty.

The following individuals were approved for regular membership on the Graduate Faculty:

Chibbaro, Julia S., Assistant Professor of Counseling, Ph.D. University of South Carolina, requested by Dr. Brent Snow.

Price, Barbara A., WebMBA Instructor, Ph.D. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, requested by Mr. John Wells.

Siha, Samia M., WebMBA Instructor, Ph.D. Iowa State University, requested by Mr. John Wells.

IV. New Business

A. Course Changes

College of Arts and Sciences

Psychology
ADD - Ph.D. in Psychology (Preliminary Proposal)

Dr. Chris Aanstoos, Dr. Kareen Malone, and Dr. Don Rice, Chair of the Department of Psychology provided information on Psychology’s preliminary proposal for a doctoral degree in Psychology that would emphasize the study of consciousness. COGS members stated that the proposal could be strengthened in the following ways: (1) provide more information about the uniqueness of the proposed Ph.D. program and why it is needed in Georgia and the southeastern region of the country; (2) provide evidence for the claim that the current M.A. program in Psychology draws "wide national interest" because of its unique emphasis; (3) perhaps increase
the number of students who would be admitted to the program on a yearly basis to ensure that at least five students graduate each year. Two COGS representatives expressed concern that if the university were to offer a doctorate in Psychology that this might represent a change in the university’s mission. The preliminary proposal to add the Ph.D. in Psychology was approved. There was one abstention.

**Foreign Languages and Literatures**

DELETE FREN 5170 Advanced Language Skills
DELETE FREN 6040 French Phonetics and Linguistics

According to Dean Jenkins, Dr. Caryl Lloyd requested that these items be taken off of the agenda.

**College of Education**

**Educational Leadership and Professional Studies**

MODIFY EDLE 8383 Research Proposal for Educational Research (modify prerequisite)
MODIFY EDRS 8304 Data Analysis in Educational Research (modify prerequisite)

Request for modifications were approved by COGS.

**Media and Instructional Technology**

MODIFY MEDT 7462 Internet Tools, Resources, and Issues (change course number from MEDT 8462)

The request for modification was approved by COGS.

**Special Education and Speech-Language Pathology**

DELETE the following programs:
Ed.S. Program in Behavior Disorders
Ed.S. Program in Interrelated
Ed.S. Program in Learning Disabilities
M.Ed. Program in Behavior Disorders
M.Ed. Program in Learning Disabilities
M.Ed. Program in Mental Retardation

MODIFY SPED 6706 Special Education in the Regular Classroom (modify course description)
MODIFY SPED 7786 The Supervision of Special Education (change name of prerequisite course)

The request for deletions and modifications were approved by COGS.

V. Other Agenda Items

1. **Question on Application Related to Pending Felony Charges or Felony Conviction**

Dean Jenkins asked members of COGS whether or not they would want to receive information collected from applicants who answer yes to the felony question that appears on the application form. After much discussion, some members thought that it was inappropriate for the Graduate School to ask the question regarding pending charges. If the question is to be posed, it should be asked about actual convictions; not pending
charges. No decision was reached on this matter. Further information will be obtained and this issue will be brought up again at a future meeting.

2. **Academic Policy Proposal**

Subcommittee members, Drs. Lisa Crafton and Jorge Gaytan (Dr. Linton Deck was absent), presented their suggestions for changing the current academic policy related to what would occur after a student made one or more poor grades (see attached). The suggestions for revision to the current policy were adopted by COGS. The changes will be included in the 2004-2005 edition of the Graduate Catalog.

Meeting was adjourned. The Ed.S. Appeals Committee did not meet.