The committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) met at 1:30 p.m. on April 14, 2004, in the Sanford Hall conference room. Those in attendance were: Dr. Christopher Aanstoos, Dr. Judy Butler, Dr. Jack Charlesworth, Dr. Ron Colley, Dr. Cita Cook, Dr. Luke Cornelius (also substituting for Dr. Linton Deck), Dr. Cathleen Doheny, Dr. Myrna Gantner, Dr. Jorge Gaytan, Ms. Shirley Lankford (substitute for Mr. Charles Beard), Dr. Martha Larkin, Dr. Richard Larkin, Dr. Barbara McKenzie, Dr. Kathy Moffeit, Dr. John Myers, Dr. Lyn Reilly, Dr. Brent M. Snow, Dr. Sandra Stone, and Mr. John Wells. Dean Jack O. Jenkins presided.

I. Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes
The minutes for the March 31, 2004 meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies were approved.

III. Approval of Graduate Faculty
Dr. Myers, Chair of Subcommittee on Graduate Faculty handed out a list of all those approved for Reappointment to Graduate Faculty.
The following individuals were approved for reappointment to the graduate faculty:
Dr. Christopher Aanstoos – Psychology
Dr. Ozzie Binion – Art
Dr. Diane Boothe – Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. James Burton – Marketing/Real Estate
Dr. Stanley Caress – Political Science
Dr. Cita Cook – History
Dr. Cameron Covert – Art
Dr. Larry Frazier – Music
Dr. Jonathan Goldstein – History
Dr. Javier Hasbun – Physics
Dr. Joel Haynes – Marketing/Real Estate
Dr. Curtis Hollabaugh – Geosciences
Dr. Andrew Leavitt – Chemistry
Dr. Cecilia Lee – Foreign Languages
Dr. Paul Masters – Political Science
Dr. Jane McCandless – Sociology
Dr. Bobby Powell – Physics
Dr. Mary Kathryn Zachary – Management/Business Systems
IV.  Old Business
Felony Convictions
At the March 31, 2004 meeting of COGS, Dr. Cornelius questioned whether the Graduate School could place a question on its application that not only asked applicants if they had felony convictions but pending felony charges as well. Dr. Cornelius stated that he had investigated this matter further and found that at this point there were no laws that specifically prohibited the university from asking if an applicant had pending felony charges. He stated that the issue has never been litigated. Dr. Cita Cook asked how many universities have this question on their admission forms? Dean Jenkins stated that he had looked at the admissions applications of a few other Graduate Schools on the web and that they did not have a similar question on their forms. Dean Jenkins stated that years ago a situation occurred at UWG which led to the need to place a question regarding felony convictions/pending felonies on the undergraduate admission application. He stated that the university needs this question on the graduate admission application as well. Dr. Cornelius reiterated his finding that there is nothing illegal about asking the question in the manner in which it will be asked on the Graduate School application.

V.  New Business
A.  Course Changes
Richards College of Business
MBA
MODIFY
MBA Program – Program of Study Changes
(The program modification was approved by the committee)

VI.  Other
Enrollment Information
Spring semester 2004 UWG had 2,117 graduate students, Kennesaw had 1,766, and Georgia Southern had 1,862.

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