The meeting was called to order at 1:01pm.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Minutes from the September 18, 2014 Graduate Council meeting. Two minor corrections: Minor issue in #4: Joel Brendemuhl representing CALS, not Agronomy. Minor issue in #5: HHP not PHHP not CHHP. Motion to approve with corrections was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

   GRADUATE CERTIFICATES:

2. Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts for a change in the graduate certificate in Latin American Studies (#9629). Dr. Philip Williams was present for discussion. No discussion. Motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2015.

3. Proposal from the College of Design, Construction and Planning for a change in the graduate certificate Emergency Services/Disaster Management (#9394). A representative was not present. No discussion. Motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2015 (per proposal).

4. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences for a change in the graduate certificate Aquaculture and Fish Health (#9380). Mr. Scott Sager was present for discussion. No discussion. Motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2015.

5. Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts for a new graduate certificate in Global Islamic Studies (#9464). Dr. Terje Ostebo was present for discussion. There was some discussion about the difference
between a certificate and a concentration, the brief answer being that a certificate is open to a more
genral population of students while a concentration is intended for students enrolled in a specific degree
program associated with that concentration. Motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
Effective date: Fall 2015 (per proposal).

6. **Proposal from the College of Veterinary Medicine for a new graduate certificate in Wildlife
Forensic Sciences and Conservation (#9426).** Dr. Jason Byrd was present for discussion. There was
some discussion about whether it is appropriate for a certificate from one department to use courses
from another department and to what degree. Graduate School staff indicated that there is no particular
policy and that as long as the content justifies the certificate and all the approvals have been made, then
it would be a matter of collaboration between those departments. It was noted that the courses for the
certificate are currently in the approval system with different prefixes than in the proposal paperwork.
Motion made to approve conditional on the correction of the SLOs (Council does not need to see this
again), seconded, and approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2015 (per proposal).

7. **Adoption of graduate certificate policy revisions.** Dr. Paul Duncan was present for discussion.
Discussion indicated that this revision is an attempt to get the policy current with university-wide
practice. There was a brief discussion on whether courses from more than 5 years previous would be
accepted for a certificate, the answer being that the certificate-granting unit could decide that in the spirit
of university-wide policies. There was brief discussion about when students would receive their
certificates if the courses are on an alternate schedule (off-calendar based courses), the answer being that
they would have to wait until the following semester. There was brief discussion about certificates with
the same name as a concentration or major, with Graduate School staff indicating that pre-Council
proposal review does take into account certificate content with regard to existing programs with the
intention of preventing students from overlapping. Motion to adopt was made, seconded, and approved
unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2015.

**CONCENTRATION:**

8. **Proposal from the College of Medicine for a new concentration in Cancer Biology (#9662 – note
updated Approval system number).** Dr. Dietmar Siemann was present for discussion. There was a
comment about the ownership of courses in the electives list. Dr. Siemann noted that Graduate School
staff were particularly responsive and helpful in the proposal submission process. Motion was made,
seconded, and approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2015 (per proposal).

**TERMINATION:**

9. **Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to terminate the Master of Arts in
Teaching in Philosophy (#8114).** No discussion. Motion was made, seconded, and approved
unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2015 (per proposal) pending further approvals.

**MAJOR:**

10. **Proposal from the College of Design, Construction and Planning for a new major in Sustainable
Construction in the existing degree program Master’s degree in Construction Management
(#9212).** Dr. Charles Kibert was present for discussion. No discussion. Motion was made, seconded,
and approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2015 (per proposal) pending further approvals.
II. INFORMATION ITEM

11. Notice of Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-funded. Dr. Brian Marchman indicated that any time the platform of a program changes from residential to online, while the content may be the same (as approved by Graduate Council), they would like to notify the Council. Same is true if it moves from state to self-funded programs. These notices will continue to be reported monthly.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.