The Graduate Council met at 2:30 p.m. in Ingram 101. Interim Associate Dean, Scott Handy presided.

I. Call to Order

Members present:

Ex-Officio/ Guests present:
Scott Handy, Interim Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

II. Announcements

a. Dr. Scott Handy, Interim Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

- Dr. Scott Handy opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m.
- The increase in English proficiency standards for admittance has been denied by the Provost and President. Departments will still be allowed to implement individual program increases if they can provide sufficient evidence that an increased proficiency is necessary to successful completion of the program.
- Expanding R250 to the graduate level was approved by the President and is going forward to TBR.
- The Graduate College will have a separate graduate ceremony beginning this May. It will be on Friday, May 6th at 3 p.m. in the Murphy Center.
- A faculty liaison, Joan McRae, will be working with the College of Graduate Studies this semester to work on increasing enrollment. The emphasis will be on developing marketing ideas as well as working with programs with deficiencies and enrollment issues.
- The Focus Bill was released recently. It assigns TBR to community and technical colleges and assigns each major university its own individual board. This helps to put all colleges on the same playing field. It is yet unclear as to what the effects on funding will be. The university board will have authority over things such as tuition changes, curriculum changes, and presidential election but THEC will still govern new program approval. A transition committee has been formed to facilitate a smooth transition. It includes Dr. McPhee and Trisha Farwell as well as other individuals.
III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting – December 11th, 2015

The minutes were distributed to the Graduate Council for review. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November 20th, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review
Dr. Cliff Welborn, Chair
- The December Consent Calendar is attached.
- The Consent Calendar comes in the form of a motion. It was seconded and passed.

b. Student Affairs and Travel
Dr. Kathleen Darby, Chair
Dr. Pamela Morris
- Dr. Morris gave a report on the status of the investigation into assistantship discrepancies between science programs and non-science programs. A comparison to other institutions has not yet been completed but an analysis of the retention rates of science programs vs. non-science programs was completed. The result of this analysis was that very little variation was seen between the two types of programs.

c. Policies and Procedures
Dr. Jeremy Winters, Chair
- There is no business to report at this meeting.

d. Graduate Program Review
Dr. Bichaka Fayissa, Chair
- The committee presented their recommendation for a program reviewer for the Health and Human Performance program. Their recommendation was Professor McCollick.
- This recommendation comes in the form of a motion. It was seconded and passed.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

a. Dr. Scott Handy, Interim Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies
- Dr. Handy brought to the council's attention an issue with misunderstanding about GTA usage. A GTA was the instructor of record for an upper division class that the student didn’t have background in. This brought about the question as to whether a policy on GTA usage needs to be developed or if this is just a
departmental issue that needs to be addressed. The latter will be implemented first.

- Dr. Handy reminded the council about the Outstanding Thesis/Dissertation Award and that a call for recommendations has been issued for this academic year. It should be noted that the categories are a little unclear. Dr. Handy asked the council to consider volunteering for the committee that will clarify the categories and review the nominations to determine which receives the award. He would like to have a member from each academic college.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.
Graduate Council – Consent Calendar
January 22, 2016

Graduate Faculty Membership

**Full**
- Janet Colson / Human Sciences / PhD
- John Coons / Health & Human Performance / PhD
- Cathy Cooper / Nursing / EdD
- Lucy Matthews / Marketing / DBA
- Angela Pharris / Social Work / MSW
- Gregory Pitts / Mass Communication / PhD
- Elizabeth Quinn / Criminal Justice / PhD
- Ralph Williams / Management / DBA
- Doug Winborn / Health & Human Performance / EdD

**Adjunct**
- Beverly English / Social Work / MA
- Todd Evans / Health & Human Performance / PhD
- Jason Jordan / Educational Leadership / MA
- Leigh Watson / Library Science / MLIS

Graduate Curriculum Changes

**Aerospace**

**Change Course Title and Credit Hours**
Changes to be effective Fall 2016

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**Engineering Technology**

**Revision to Curriculum**
Changes to be effective Fall 2016

For MS in Engineering Tech, Engineering Tech concentration, remove ET 6700 and ET 6730 and replace with advisor approved electives
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**Nursing**

Other
Changes to be effective Fall 2016

Phase out the MSN RODP Nursing Informatics Concentration

**Media and Entertainment**

Other
Changes to be effective Fall 2016

Change the name of the program from MS in Mass Communication to MS in Media and Communication