I. Call to order

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Number 463, 23 April 2012 (please see attachment)

III. Announcements

A. Welcome and introductions

B. Recent additions to the Graduate Faculty

SIGRID BERKA LANGUAGE (GERMAN) 4/27/2012
CHRIS ANDERSON ENV & NAT RESOURCE ECONOMICS 4/27/2012
KEVIN McGARIGAL BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES 5/4/2012
ADAM SUMMER BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES 6/21/2012
PETER CARIANI ELECTRICAL, COMP, & BIOMED ENG 6/21/2012
CATHERINE DeCESARE HISTORY 6/21/2012
KARL ASPELUND TEXTILES, FASH. MERCH & DESIGN 2/29/2012
WEI LU PHARMACY 7/3/2012
STEPHAN SCHOLL CHEMICAL ENGINEERING 7/30/2012
AYMAN EL-KATTAN PHARMACY 8/2/2012

C. Enhancement of Graduate Research Awards

D. Graduate School Strategic Plan & 2012-2013 Graduate Program Directors workshop – update

E. Graduate School forms – the vetting process for all of our newly developed forms

IV. Committees

A. Nomination of a Nominating Committee and solicitation of requests for participation in standing committees

B. Review of charges to, and goals of committees for this year’s Council

C. Ad hoc committees – 1) selection of keynote speaker for graduate commencement
V. Graduate School Manual

A. Proposed new wording to eliminate the possibility of a doctoral student taking a master's degree after enrolling in a Ph.D. program and including 12 credits of 400-level courses on both their master's and doctoral Programs of Study.

In the Fall 2011 Graduate School Manual.............

9.21. For students who have received the master's degree in the same field of study or in a closely related field, all coursework beyond the master's degree towards the doctorate must be at the 500 or 600 level. For students who have not been awarded the master's degree by the time they enroll in Graduate School, a maximum of 12 credits within the minimum of 72 credits required for the Ph.D. may be taken at the 400 level. All other work for program credit must be at the 500 or 600 level.

Proposed wording (underlined) to rectify a misinterpretation of 9.21..........

9.21. For students who have received the master's degree in the same field of study or in a closely related field, all coursework beyond the master's degree towards the doctorate must be at the 500 or 600 level. For students without a master's degree who enroll in a doctoral program, but who complete a master’s degree along the way to the Ph.D., 400-level courses may only be applied to the master’s degree Program of Study. All work for the doctoral Program of Study, except that embedded in the master's Program of Study, must be at the 500 or 600 level.

B. Proposal to delete Section 8.42.1 of the Graduate School Manual (reproduced in its entirety below). Part of the rationale for deletion is that there is no student Program of Study Committee, nor has there ever been one. The second sentence in this section is the key to the recommendation to delete, and deals with the newly revised Program of Study forms that the Graduate School has developed. A complete explanation will be provided at the meeting.

“8.42.1. Program of Study Committee: There is no Program of Study committee for students taking a master’s degree. For this degree, whether with or without a thesis, the major professor and the student have the responsibility for planning the Program of Study.”

VI University Manual

Graduate Faculty Status (GFS) -- consideration of the wording in the University Manual regarding GFS - the policy, as it presently appears in the University Manual, is reproduced immediately below, followed by a
The Graduate Faculty. The membership of the Graduate Faculty shall comprise the following President, Provost, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Dean of the Graduate School, Vice Provosts, deans of graduate professional schools, deans of colleges in which departments offer programs leading to advanced degrees, chairpersons of departments authorized to offer graduate degree programs, the Dean of University Libraries and members of the instructional, research and library faculty who either teach one or more courses on the 500, 600 or 900 level on a continuing basis, serve as major professors sponsoring graduate students, or serve as members of the committees supervising the work of graduate students. When a person ceases to perform the function or functions qualifying him or her for membership on the Graduate Faculty, he or she ceases to be a member. Reviews of their Graduate Faculty shall be made by Departments or Programs at least once every four years. Recommendations for removal of a Graduate Faculty member who has ceased to perform the functions required for membership shall come from the Departments or Programs to the Graduate Council through the Dean of the Graduate School. The Graduate Council may either confirm or deny the recommendation.

DRAFT of new wording based on Council recommendations in our April 2012 meeting, and written suggestions by individual Council members since that meeting.

The Graduate Faculty. Graduate Faculty Status is afforded to faculty members of the University who establish and maintain significant scholarly activity in their field. Its importance lies in the fact that it is a requirement for serving on the research or examination committees of graduate students. All faculty are eligible to be nominated for Graduate Faculty Status by the Chair or Director of the department, school, or program in which they have a formal appointment. A letter of nomination submitted to the Graduate School along with a current curriculum vitae of the faculty member serves to initiate the review process. Nomination is automatic for newly hired tenure-track faculty. Criteria for appointment to the Graduate Faculty focus on the educational background of the faculty member, their past and present scholarly accomplishments, and their ability to serve as capable mentors of students pursuing graduate degrees. The expectation is that faculty a) have earned the highest degree available in their discipline, b) have published or produced products that contribute to their discipline or have distinguished themselves as leading practitioners in their discipline, and c) have the talent to be effective educators to students of the University enrolled in graduate degree programs. Periodic review of Graduate Faculty Status is required. Renewal will be reviewed during each normally scheduled
College review of a faculty member. Recommendations for removal of Graduate Faculty Status will be initiated by the Dean of the College in which the faculty member resides, and will be submitted to the Dean of the Graduate School. All recommendations to terminate Graduate Faculty Status will be reviewed by the Dean of the Graduate School and presented to the Graduate Council for a vote to approve or reject the recommendation.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Adjournment