The meeting was called to order by President Charles Nilon at 3:30 pm in 2212 A&B MU Student Center. The group went around the table and introduced themselves and indicated what department/division they represented.

Senators and administrative representatives attending: Lloyd Barrow, Sanda Erdelez, Pat Friedrichsen, Jere Gilles, Lynda Kraxberger, Charles Nilon, Carol Snively, Marty Townsend, Patrick Wheeler, Marissa Fugate (Graduate Student Association), George Justice, Mannie Liscum, Ashley Siebenaler, Terrence Grus, and Ruth Erwin (Graduate School) and Nicki Ashcraft (TESOL Proposal).

Senators and administrative representatives absent: Jane Bostick, James Endersby, Sanjeev Khanna, Lisa Zanetti, Peter Vallentyne and John Wigger.

A motion and second were made to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2011. The motion was approved.

**Graduate School Report**

Dr. Justice indicated that fall enrollment was up and that most of the items he wanted to discuss were included as agenda items. He indicated that he was going to CIRTL in Evanston, Illinois to write an NSF proposal that would further STEM faculty across the University.

**Dual Credit for Undergraduate Courses**

Dr. Justice gave background on this issue. He reminded the GFS that last year Soil, Environmental and Atmospheric Sciences proposed a 3 + 2 program to help retain their talented undergraduate students here as graduate students. The GFS did not approve the SEAS 3+2 program. Terrence Grus indicated that there are different models being used for dual credit at other universities. Qualified MU undergraduate students as well as qualified undergraduate students at other institutions in Missouri are eligible to enroll in up to six credit hours of graduate coursework toward the end of the undergraduate program.

The current Senior Dual Enrollment policy is:

- With the approval of the divisional and graduate deans, eligible seniors may dually enroll as an undergraduate for up to six semester hours of graduate credit. To qualify, seniors must:
  - Rank in the upper half of their class
  - Have a B average in the most recent 45 semester hours of credit
  - Be within 15 hours of completing graduation requirements for the first bachelor’s degree.

**Proposal:**

The Graduate Dean proposes an amendment to this policy, which would allow qualified undergraduate students to enroll in up to 12 hours of graduate coursework and allow enrollment in the courses over the last 30 hours of their undergraduate program.

The eligibility requirements would not change; students would still have to rank in the upper half of their class and have a B average in the most recent 45 semester hours of credit.

Updating this policy would:

- Place MU in line with the senior dual enrollment policies of a number of major U.S. research institutions (list provided below)
• Generate greater interest and investment by undergraduates in continuing their graduate education, which would aid in the overall retention of MU students for graduate degrees
• Aid in the efficiency of delivering coordinated bachelor’s/master’s programs (3 + 2 programs); e.g. the Fast Track Engineering programs, the BS in Industrial Engineering to MBA program
• Allow MU to create and market more coordinated bachelor’s/master’s programs

Terence provided examples of other Big 12 and SEC universities Senior Dual Enrollment policy. Discussion followed. The GFS thought the proposed policy fits with what departments see undergraduates coming with in AP courses. For the new Senior Dual Enrollment policy, the undergraduate advisor, undergraduate dean, and graduate dean must sign the form and the student is admitted as a Post-Bac graduate student. A motion and second were made to approve the new policy. The motion was approved. The new policy will be effective Fall Semester 2012. It was noted that individual departmental policies related to how they handle dual enrollment may prevail.

**Approval of graduation list for December graduation**

Ms. Siebenaler presented the December 2011 tentative Graduate School Commencement list. A motion and second were made to approve the tentative list with the Graduate School having the right to revise the list as completion of degree requirements are certified. The motion was approved.

**Graduate Student Association**

Ms. Fugate indicted that GSA would be holding their election for new officers tonight. GSA received provisional ORG status which allows them to reserve rooms. GSA will hold a mocktails event in March that will allow students to learn to network, etiquette at events, etc. GSA will assist with the Cross Disciplinary Conference, a graduate conference across all disciplinary departments. This year’s topic is Animal in Science. They would like to get more departments interested in the Conference and have more outside speakers.

**GSA Committee Reports**

**Academic Affairs Committee**

Dr. Snively indicated that they had finally completed the courses that came in June for review.

**Awards Committee**

The Awards Committee has completed the Masters Thesis Awards.

**Old Business**

**Graduate Education White Paper**

Dr. Justice discussed how he loaded the paper into comment press (word press). The white paper is located at whitepaper.gradschool.missouri.edu. He indicated that the paper is open for anyone to review and would like comments back by mid-January. He would like to discuss the comments with the Senate again at the January meeting after he makes revisions based on the comments provided. Dr. Justice indicated that he would like to release the document to the campus at the end of March in the same way he is releasing it to the GFS.

**Restricted Research and Thesis and Dissertation**
In 2006, the Graduate Faculty Senate passed a policy clarifying that proprietary and otherwise restricted research may not be used in master’s theses or doctoral dissertations, although students may in appropriate circumstances be allowed to work on restricted projects. Currently the Graduate School accepts requests for one year embargo to allow students to protect their own intellectual property rights in the thesis or dissertation. There have been several situations on campus in which faculty and students would like restricted research to appear in theses and dissertations. Dr. Justice indicated that this is a topic he wants to address in the white paper. While the campus debates this extremely complex issue, he would like to have the authority to make sure students are not punished and students receive appropriate training. Dr. Justice suggested that the GFS allow the graduate dean to use his/her discretion to continue holds as was previously done under Dr. Benoit, at least for the next 12 months, as the GFS 2006 policy on Restricted Research will be reviewed. A motion and second were made to allow the dean to have twelve months of the discretionary ability to provide continued publication holds on masters theses and doctoral dissertations including restricted research. The motion was approved.

New Business

TESOL Graduate Certificate

Dr. Nicki Ashcraft presented a power point presentation on the TESOL Graduate Certificate proposal. Teaching English as a Second Language is a hot career for college graduates currently which is due to the rise of English as the international language. Learning, Teaching and Curriculum offers a MEd in TESOL that is 33 hours of coursework and a Missouri K-12 ESOL certificate for 21 hours. This TESOL graduate certificate will be a stand-alone 18 hour program that will use the same courses as the MEd and the ESOL certificate. The certificate will give individuals the essentials or basics needed to start teaching in other countries. The certificate proposed will be an online certificate. Dr. Ashcraft indicated that there are only 10 online certificate programs in the U.S. The certificate program will not require any new faculty, facilities, or resources. A motion and second were made to approve the certificate. The motion was approved. The GFS indicated that this certificate proposal should be used as a model for future graduate certificates.

Learning Across the Borders Certificate

Dr. Justice indicated that the certificate was not ready for presentation to the GFS so the agenda item was tabled.

Request from ELPA on Relaxation of Graduate GPA Policies

The Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis requested that the GPA of 3.00 or higher for admittance to the Graduate School and to receive a graduate degree be relaxed for one of their applicants. The Senate felt that the policy should not be relaxed. Dr. Justice would talk with the DGS about options suggested by the Senate.

Combined Pharmacology/Physiology Program

A request has been made by the Department of Medical Pharmacology and Physiology to collapse their Pharmacology and Physiology programs into one program. This is based on recommendation from the Missouri Department of Higher Education to reduce the number of programs on campus. The collapse of the programs into one program would not change the
degree requirements for the two programs. A motion and second were made to approve the merge of Pharmacology and Physiology into one degree program. The motion was approved.

Dr. Nilon wished everyone Happy Holidays and the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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