Meet the Council quorum present, Dr. Redmond called the meeting to order at 12:05.

The Council Chair shared with all members and guests present feedback received from Deans, Department Chairs, and others in preparation for today’s meeting.

The Provost’s guidelines for this meeting were to prioritize graduate program proposals for years 1, 2, and 3 based on anticipated enrollment, current faculty in place, partnerships, external funding, revenue status, and need for region.

A discussion began with concerns being expressed regarding criteria for prioritization of graduate program proposals for years 1, 2, and 3. Concerns that were shared included:

a) Having enough information to rank the proposals
b) Knowing the next steps after the recommendations are submitted to the Provost
c) Understanding the selection process with the Board of Regents; e.g., if not ranked in year 1 what is the probability that the proposals will be approved in year 2
d) Decreased morale and motivation of faculty to submit future graduate degree proposals
e) Not meeting market needs
f) Provide alumni with opportunities for leadership roles by offering graduate programs that meet individual and professional needs
g) Provide opportunities for leadership roles by offering graduate programs that meet the needs of the region and community
3. Motion I: Based on the concerns listed in number 2, the Graduate Council moved that the Council Chair (Dr. Tara Redmond) and the Director of the Graduate School / Associate Provost (Dr. Tom Hackett) visit the Board of Regents to advocate for our graduate programs and gain a better understanding of the process pertaining to the submission and prioritization of proposals. Motion was passed unanimously.

The Council Chair will consult with the Provost concerning this motion.

At this juncture the Chair redirected the Council and Guests toward the goal and objectives of this meeting.

4. Motion II: A motion was made to include the MS Nursing proposal in Year 1. Discussion and information was shared pertaining to the program. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Motion III: A motion was made to include the MA History proposal in Year 1. Discussion and information was shared pertaining to the program. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Motion IV: A motion was made to include the MED Theatre Education proposal in Year 1. Discussion and information was shared pertaining to the program. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Motion V: A motion was made to include the EdS Special Education proposal in Year 1. Discussion and information was shared pertaining to the program. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Motion VI: A motion was made to include the MM Performance proposal in Year 1. Discussion and information was shared pertaining to the program. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Motion VII: A motion was made to include the MS Exercise Science proposal in Year 2. Discussion and information was shared pertaining to the program. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Motion VIII: A motion was made to include the MA Theatre proposal in Year 2. Discussion and information was shared pertaining to the program. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Motion IX: A motion was made to include the MED Student Affairs proposal in Year 2. Discussion and information was shared pertaining to the program. The motion was passed unanimously.

12. At 1:46 pm the meeting was adjourned.

13. The next meeting will be October 8, 2010 in the VPAA Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Sallie Miller and Donna Pascoe