Members Present:
Tara Redmond, Chair
Greg Domin
Lenoir Gillam
Sallie Miller
Wayne Summers, Chair-Elect
Tina Butcher
Donna Pascoe
Kimberly Gill

1. At 12:02 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

2. The motion to approve the previous minutes passed.

3. Greg Domin presented information about the upcoming 2011 Graduate Research Conference to be held on November 3rd at CSU. The broad theme of the conference is “New World, New Challenges: Building Bridges Across Disciplines.” Graduate students from all disciplines are encouraged to submit their research for discussion and review. The deadline for submission of research proposals is September 1, 2011, with acceptances offered no later than October 1, 2011. A Website will be created through which students can submit proposals.

4. Domin also mentioned the October 20 Fall Graduate Expo intended to showcase and generate “buzz” about graduate programs at CSU.

5. Graduate Faculty List: The Chair indicated that the revised graduate faculty list is available on the Graduate Council Web page – http://gradschool.columbusstate.edu/graduatecouncil.php

6. In a discussion about graduate admissions, Greg Domin stressed that high contact, personal touch is the goal of admissions personnel in the Graduate School. An example would be extended hours to accommodate graduate students who need to avail themselves of Graduate School services.

7. Elections:
   a. Chair-Elect – Sallie Miller
   b. Secretary – Donna Pascoe

8. At 12:29 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted – Tom Loughman