Graduate Council  
Columbus State University  
Minutes of the March 16, 2012 Meeting  

Members Present  
Wayne Summers, Chair  Cheryl M. Smith  Brenda Ito  Nancy M. Moore, Secretary  
Andrew Zohn  Kimberly Gill  Greg Domin  Betty Hipps  
Kirk Heriot  Warren Church  
Guest  
Ron Wirt

1. Chair Wayne Summers called the meeting to order at 12:11.
2. Minutes were accepted, corrected, and approved.
3. Greg Domin discussed the work of the Focal Research Center and our need for the development of a survey to be used by the Graduate School. Dr. Domin introduced the idea for a survey as presented by Dr. Christensen and then told the council if they had questions or suggestions they could contact Dr. Christensen directly. Her further expressed a desire that the survey be ready by the end of this semester and that a survey monkey will be used. (The above information can be found on pages 1 and 2 of Domin’s handout.)
4. Greg then called the Council’s attention to the third page of the handout which listed guiding principles for the allocation of Graduate Assistants. Discussion/input was given by various Graduate Council members.
5. Pages 4 and 5 of the handout provided information about other graduate assistantships and showed conversations between Greg Domin and Tom Christensen. The Council discussed:
   - the need for clarification of requirements for allocating graduate assistantships
   - that 10% of the graduate enrollment could be chosen for assistantships
   - different colleges would be allotted a specific number of assistantships
   - the Graduate Council will take on the task of developing policy for grad assistants
6. Betty Hipps brought new nominations of Graduate Faculty. This list of faculty nominations were voted on and approved.
7. Council members expressed the need for clarification and revision of the qualifications of a Graduate Faculty member. Betty will continue to work on this.
8. Kim and Warren will also be working on guidelines for uniformity in all disciplines for Faculty membership to the Graduate Council.
10. Wayne mentioned that the new GRE minimum scores are determined and often differ from department to department.
11. Under NEW BUSINESS, Ron Wirt brought forth an appeal to waive accreditation requirements for Andree Martin’s music student. The motion was made, seconded, voted on, and approved.
12. At 1:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Moore