Members Present: Craig Martin, Ray Blankenship, Harold Little, Jennifer Blair, Sherry Powers, Nedra Atwell, Cory Burton, Philip Lienesch, Claus Ernst, Maria Clara Figueirinhas, Elizabeth Winkler, Andrew McMichael, Donna Blackburn, Beverly Siegrist, Nevil Speer, Jennifer Tinsley, Sarah Kessler (Council Secretary)

Alternative Members Present: Robert Smith

Members Absent: Elizabeth Jones, Lawrence Alice, Alison Ganze, Ronald Hopper, Ritchie Taylor, Terri Cunningham

Guests Present: Richard Bowker, Retta Poe, Dennis George, Mark Doggett, Art Shindhelm, Mike Stokes

I. Consideration of January 8, 2009 minutes.
   Stand approved as distributed.

II. New Business

   A. Ogden College of Science and Engineering

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III. Other Business

   A. Aging Studies (not Services) Certificate
   
   Announcement made by Sarah Kessler that the name of the new graduate certificate is Aging Studies, not Aging Services as was passed by Graduate Council on September 11, 2008. The program name Aging Studies was submitted to the Board of Regents and approved on January 30, 2009.

   B. Graduate Faculty Committee Report

   1. The report was amended by the committee at the meeting to include Sharon Spall (EALR) as a Regular Graduate Faculty member.

   2. Report passed.
3. Harold Little, Graduate Faculty Committee Chair, commented that non-faculty applicants from other universities as Graduate Faculty at WKU is a concern. The committee will report back later.

C. Graduate Student Research Grant Committee Report
Sarah Kessler informed the Graduate Council that approximately $10,000 is available to graduate students for Graduate Student Research Grants and another $4,500 is available for travel funding.

D. Rules Committee Report
1. Undergraduates taking graduate courses:
   * Claus Ernst spoke in favor of allowing qualified undergraduate students take graduate courses without the GRE.
   * Mike Stokes presented a sample curriculum outlined of an academy student double majoring in biology and religious studies and how that student could complete his high school education, a BS/BA and MS in Biology within 4.5 of beginning at the Gatton Academy.
   * Retta Poe expressed some concern with the accreditation regarding double counting courses (one course for both undergraduate and graduate credit).
   * McMichael/Ernst motion to refer back to the committee passed

2. Guests
   * Motion to approve passed

3. GRE Policy-Referred to GRE subcommittee

E. Task Force Committee to examine the research tool requirement has been formed by the following Graduate Council members: Donna Blackburn (chair), Elizabeth Jones, Harold Little, Nevil Speer, and Claus Ernst.

F. Report from Graduate Dean
2. Graduate Assistants: There are 287 full year equivalents.
3. More focus will be paid to the Research part of Graduate Studies and Research. Grant funding awarded to faculty at WKU over the last four years has dropped from $6 million to $2 million. In 2007, there were 318 proposals submitted and that number dropped to 237 in 2008.
4. March 17-19, 2009, a team of seven people from SACS will be visiting to review WKU’s level change. Richard Bowker commended Retta Poe and Dennis George for their work on the major effort.
5. Faculty ranks were discussed in relationship to how they affect Graduate Faculty membership.
6. An email will be send shortly about the Outstanding Graduate Student and Minton Awards.
7. Curriculum changes must be submitted for the March 2009 Graduate Council meeting to ensure the change makes it into the next Graduate Catalog.
8. Research tools, 400G courses, two different GPA’s, deficiency courses, dual enrollment, and taking extra classes to qualify for financial aid were discussed.
9. Adjunct faculty were discussed.

IV. Adjournment
4:28 pm