I. CALL TO ORDER:

Dean Susan Strehle called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

II. MINUTES

The minutes from the September 22, 2014 Graduate Council meeting were approved as written.

III. COMMITTEES

Academic Standards Committee This committee has not met.

Advisory Committee for Scholarship and Research This committee met on October 16, 2014. ACSR is now working on the call for new organized research centers, the request for annual reports from OR centers, and also nominations for the chancellor’s awards for scholarship and research.

Budget Advisory Committee This committee has not met.

Clark Fellowship Committee This committee has not met. However, we potentially have an increased number of lines for the upcoming academic year. There are 5 to 10 new Clarks this year, with the potential for the same number next year.

Curriculum Committee The committee met on October 13, 2014. Three psychology permanent course proposals were reviewed. PSYC 615, Human Development; PSYC 616, Cognitive and Affective Bases of Behavior; and PSYC 617, Consultation & Supervision. Students in clinical psychology must document coursework in these three areas. The contents of these courses were embedded in other courses in the past but now these 3 individual courses are a part of the required doctoral program. No questions were raised and the courses were approved.

The Asian & Asian American Studies department proposed two permanent course proposals, both for 4 credits. There is a growing demand for Chinese studies courses in the MA curriculum and AAAS 525 is proposed to fill that need. AAAS 535 is similarly driven by increasing enrollment in both their 5 year BA/MA program and also the 2 year MA program. No further questions or comments were raised and the courses are approved.

The final permanent course proposal is PAFF 569, Sustainable Communities: Theory and Practice I. This course will fulfill elective requirements for the MPA certificate as well as being one of the core courses for the new master’s degree in Sustainable Communities. It can serve an elective for many programs including Public Administration, Geography and the Environmental Studies Program. A suggestion was made to have the course be cross listed with geography as well, because the Theory and Practice II part of Sustainable Communities is
drawn directly from the geography course, and that will be cross listed. Follow up suggestions to CCPA department will be made.

The psychology department proposed a program revision changing Cognitive Psychology to Cognitive and Brain Sciences. There are no changes to the curriculum or the content of the courses. The theory is that by changing the title of this doctoral program, they reflect updated approaches to the field and may attract more applicants to the program. The proposal needs additional detail and justification, and Ralph Miller will be contacted.

CCPA proposed to clarify and better align their doctoral curriculum. They proposed to re-title a total of 6 courses with no content changes, to allow required courses in quantitative and qualitative analysis to be taken either within or outside of CCPA, and to delete the interdisciplinary case conferencing course. This proposal drops the required credits from 40 to 37 for their doctoral program. No questions were raised and the changes were unanimously approved.

**Student Affairs Committee** This committee has not met. There is a good possibility that this committee will be called together in the next couple of weeks as there is the possibility of a grievance.

**Strategic Planning Committee** This committee has not met.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

There are not enough library carrels to meet the demand from students. Staff members from the library described the situation and discussed some proposed solutions. They could assign double occupancy in the carrels assigned to ABD students. For the 12 carrels in the Fine Arts section of the library they could open them up to a room reservation system so all graduate students could reserve them for short periods of work. They could change the assignment terms, requiring students to vacate the study carrels at the end of the academic year. The suggestion was made to build more study carrels, as more strain will arise with increasing graduate enrollments. Another suggestion was made to install lockers. This way, students without carrels would be able to keep their materials all in one place and wouldn’t have to cart them around. The concern with that is that there is a lack of space within the library for students without a carrel to work, and the library would need to have access to the locked materials. The library committee will look into the suggestions made by the graduate council.

The full proposal for the Sustainable Communities Program has been drafted. External reviewers will be on campus in November to review that program.

We have not heard anything back from SUNY regarding the Pharmacy School proposal but with the governor’s support we are optimistic. Dean candidates are coming to meet with the search committee in November. There are four of them coming, and we are hoping to have a dean named and maybe in residence in January, 2015.

### V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m. after a motion by Norah Henry, seconded by Fernando Guzman.

Minutes recorded by Melissa Spencer, Secretary to the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School