Those in attendance were: Steve Black, Jimok Kim, Augustine Hammond, Michael Brands, Darren Browning, Peter Basciano, Steven Page, Mitch Watsky, Judi Wilson, Regina Messer, Saundra Reinke, Lester Pretlow, Patricia Cameron, Marguerite Murphy, Zoya Kurago, Julie Behr, Adviye Ergul, and guest Miriam Cortez-Cooper.

I. Dr. Mitchell Watsky called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

II. Consideration of the Minutes – February 28, 2014
The minutes were considered and approved as written.

III. New Business
a. Course Proposal – Oral Biology Journal Club
Dr. Cameron said that the Sub-Committee reviewed it and had two recommendations. One was to have a statement of attendance policy and recommended that information provided in 1-15 be turned into a formal syllabus before approval.

The Council approved with the recommended minor revisions.

b. Business Proposal – Oral Biology, Periodontics Residency-PhD Dual Certificate/Degree Program
Dr. Cameron indicated that this was a dual degree and it was established by the sub-committee that the student status would change from student to resident once the PhD is completed. However, they will not get the degree and certificate until they finish both. Dr. Messer said that both of these programs already exist. She also said that it would be a 7-10 year program, however, some courses could be counted towards both degrees. Some of the revisions noted by the Council were that out of state tuition waivers be clarified; need to include form for direct entry, and to correct typos.

After discussion, the Council approved with mentioned revisions and agreed that once the revisions were made, the approval could be an executive decision at the Graduate School level.

c. Course Proposals (4)-Education, Department of Kinesiology and Health Sciences
These 4 courses are part of a certificate program related to the actively aging. Certificate programs do not come through the Council, but courses do if they might be used towards a non-certificate graduate degree. The Sub-Committee reviewed these and recommended to change the form to reflect D2L instead of Vista and to check on restrictions.

The Council approved with the recommended minor revisions.
d. Course Proposals (17), Course Modifications (3)-Education-Courses to be used in the program of study for the Proposed Ed.D. in Education Innovation (not yet submitted) Dr. Cameron said that the Proposed EdD in Education Innovation will come to the next Council meeting. The subcommittee recommended that there be a grading scale. Members of the Council suggested that the course content and grading scale be beefed up and show consistency.

The Council agreed to table these course proposals and reconsider when the full proposal packet is received.

e. Program Proposal – PhD in Applied Health Sciences
The Sub-Committee reviewed and came up with a list of 17 items which needed to be addressed. Dr. Watsky asked if all the students would be tuition paying students and Dr. Pretlow said they would be. Dr. Cameron said that the tuition and budget table were addressed in the sub-committee review meeting as well as the fact that one table started with FY15 and the other FY16. She also stated that some of the writings needed to be made clearer as well as clarifying Responsible Conduct of Research. Also a letter of support for the Graduate School should be included. Dr. Watsky asked about the research funding source and would like for it to be clearer. Dr. Cameron said it’s better to give more feedback now rather than later. Since this is a PhD proposal, it could be a little stronger.

After discussion, a motion was made and approved that the proposal would be revised and come back directly to the Council next month for a vote rather than first being returned to the sub-committee.

f. Alumni Weekend
Dr. Watsky stated that Alumni Weekend was next weekend, April 25th and he encouraged everyone to attend the speaker luncheon to be held on Friday at noon and to go on-line and register. The speaker will be Distinguished Alumni Dr. Carla Putnam-Roberts, PhD graduate from the Physiology/Endocrinology program. Also, he asked that everyone start thinking about who to nominate for next year.

g. Proposed New Graduate Faculty Appointment Procedures
Dr. Watsky asked what will happen with current members in terms of their status under the proposed appointment procedures. Dr. Black indicated that they would be grandfathered in and Dr. Watsky asked to include that statement in the new procedures. Dr. Brands questioned the teaching experience verbiage indicated under the Specific Qualifications. Dr. Black said that this document was not new but instead was a revised version of what the GHSU Graduate School and Augusta State University prepared during the consolidation process. Dr. Black said the object is to have everyone be eligible for one of the tracks listed. Dr. Watsky asked that it be articulated in the guidelines what requirements faculty need to be a PhD mentor and suggested putting a booklet together for mentors. Dr. Black said it should be generic and list key things to be a mentor. Dr. Cameron asked if Research Experience counts as teaching and it was noted that this is covered in the last sentence under “Teaching Experience”.
Dr. Watsky wanted to clarify if it will still be policy that faculty who hold appointments in clinical science academic units which do not award graduate degrees, are not eligible for appointment in the Graduate School and members of the Council agreed that this policy would remain in effect.

Dr. Watsky also stated that he would like a clause added at the end to read “Special exceptions may be granted by the Dean” and this was agreed to by the Council. Dr. Cameron asked that the College of Graduate Studies be changed to The Graduate School throughout the document and to distinguish Dean of which school when appropriate.

The Council agreed that the Faculty Appointment committee could continue to conduct business by email where appropriate. It was also decided that submissions for faculty appointments would be taken only between September and May with exceptions being made at the discretion of the Dean.

These new procedures will be voted on at the next Council meeting, therefore, if anyone has any issues, please let Dr. Black know before then.

IV. Announcements and Reports

a. Student Interests/Concerns
   Dr. Watsky stated that the Biomedical Sciences Student Association (BSA) had elected officers and their SGA Representative.

b. University Faculty Senate
   The next meeting of the Faculty Senate is scheduled for April 21st.

c. Updates on Previous Action Items
   None

d. Other Announcements
   Dr. Watsky asked that when writing proposals to for Council review to consider those who are reviewing and make sure they are easy to read, clear, concise, and understandable.

   He also said that there is a master planning consultant group on campus who is helping to establish GRU’s needs for the future. Deans have been asked to give input so he asked members of the Council for suggestions. He will be asking about major equipment to be included in the Master Plan.

   Dr. Cameron said that the enrollment projections will be linked to this master planning as well.

   Dr. Messer encouraged everyone to take the employee survey and assured everyone that it would be confidential

V. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.