I. Dr. Mitchell Watsky called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Dr. Watsky said that the new Graduate School conference room was available for graduate school programs and could be scheduled through Marvis.

II. Consideration of the Minutes – April 18, 2014
The minutes were considered and approved as written.

III. New Business
a. Course Proposal – 8300 Thesis Research
Dr. Cameron said that this course would be used for students in the biomedical sciences PhD program who fall back or fall forward into the masters. The sub-committee recommended that this course be dropped from the 8300 level to 7300 level to be more of a masters course and to delete “permanent lab” to just “lab”.

After discussion, this course was approved with the recommended revisions.

b. Proposed MPH 8722 Internship Credit Hours Expansion
Dr. Pretlow said that the Masters in Public Health program had an informal site visit from their accrediting body (CEPH) and they suggested that their internship/practicum was not long enough. So this proposal is an expansion of credit hours as recommended by CEPH.

After discussion, this curriculum was approved.

c. Proposed Certificate of Training in the Dental Specialty of Endodontics and the PhD
Dr. Cameron said that this was an approved PhD program and wanted to make it a dual program with the residency program. This is a very similar program to the periodontics dual program proposal so the revisions that were discussed with that proposal would be the same for this one.

This course was approved with the recommended revisions/changes.

d. Proposed Ed.D. in Educational Innovation
Dr. Wayne Lord stated that two years before consolidation the College of Education began development of a doctoral program. A prospectus was sent forward to the USG in the fall of 2013 and the response came in January 2014 to send forth a proposal. Dr. Lord said that the EdD in Educational Innovation puts emphasis on the development of scholarly practitioners and is a 49 hour program beyond the masters. Also, there is a possibility of two concentrations inside the proposed degree – one is in the area of
curriculum and instruction and the other in educational leadership. This degree has been designed for those who have a masters or higher in curriculum and instruction or leadership certification if they complete that concentration. He said the capstone in this course is a dissertation in practice with two options – thematic or consulting model.

Dr. Cameron said that this proposal was reviewed by the Curriculum Review Subcommittee and approved with satisfactory completion of minor revisions.

After discussion, the proposal including the 17 new courses was approved for recommendation to the Dean for approval pending satisfactory completion of minor revisions.

e. Program Proposal – PhD in Applied Health Sciences
Dr. Lester Pretlow said that this was the second time to the Council. It was also reviewed by the Curriculum Review Sub-committee and had been given 21 points to revisit. Everything has been addressed and was also sent to Bonnie Troiano to look over the budget.

Dr. Stephen Looney stated that the course descriptions for the biostats courses should be updated regarding the most recent prerequisites. He said the descriptions from the website could be used. There were also some typos on page 5 and page 8.

After discussion, the proposal was approved for recommendation to the Dean for approval with satisfactory completion of revisions, particularly regarding the biostatistics courses.

f. Proposed New Graduate Faculty Appointment Procedures
Dr. Black stated that all the changes that were discussed at last month’s Council meeting had been made, particularly in the teaching requirements section. It was suggested that the statement regarding the mentor guide be removed for now. It was also decided that applications would only be accepted during the months of September – May because of the 9 month versus 12 months appointment discrepancies.

The new procedures were unanimously approved.

g. Faculty Appointments
The following faculty were reviewed and approved for recommendation for the Dean:
Dr. Elizabeth (Beth) Hunter
Dr. Hong Yan Liu

Dr. Tapan Chatterjee’s appointment was tabled pending receipt of more information.

IV. Announcements and Reports
   a. Student Interests/Concerns
Christina Torres stated that the BSA was up and running and the first social, a swimming social, has been scheduled for this month. Dr. Watsky asked that they report back as to how it went and how the attendance was.

Anil Bhatta said that one concern of students was the mandatory Institutional Fees. Which have gone up for the last 4-5 years. He said that in the past, the possibility of a
payment plan and/or payroll deduction had been discussed by the GSO with the Business Office. After looking into it by the students, it has been discovered that other institutions like UGA, GA State, and GT do that for their students on stipends.

Dr. Watsky said that he would bring this up with the Provost and suggested that the students possibly discuss with Dr. Azziz. Dr. Cameron suggested they also discuss with the SGA and Dr. Mark Allen Poisel.

b. University Faculty Senate
Dr. Cameron said that the since some are rotating off, The Graduate School needs representation on these sub-committees; Athletics, Faculty Development, and Governance and Communication by September 1st. The Graduate School will need to provide nominations. A call for nominations will be sent off.

Dr. Mulloy is stepping down and Dr. Jean Pawl will replace.

c. Updates on Previous Action Items
None

d. Other Announcements
Dr. Watsky said that when the new bylaws for the Council were written a date for when members would be rotating off was not included. It was agreed that it was June 30th. He said that those who would be rotating off are Amanda Barefield, Regina Messer, and Darren Browning. These members may be re-elected. Appointed members have no term limit.

Dr. Murphy suggested that the bylaws state that members can be re-elected to no more than 2 consecutive terms. Student members will serve one term.

Dr. Watsky also asked about academic probation for students who do not meet certain academic standards, however, program standards are different. He would like to come up with a potential Graduate School-wide policy for what actually constitutes academic probation and what to do when a student gets put on probation.

Dr. Cameron said that the confusion comes when a student does go on probation – who writes the letter, how do we coordinate, etc. What happens when there is a recommended dismissal? The Health Sciences campus has probation and the Summerville campus has suspension and probation. So we need to understand how we are going to implement the processes.

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