The Graduate Council held an electronic meeting on December 17, 2015. The following members participated: Stephanie Bellar, Thomas Deatherage, Janet Filer, John Gale, Art Gillaspy, Brent Hill, Terry James, R. B. Lenin, Wendy Lucas, Rhonda McClellan, Mark McMurtrey, Letha Mosley, Arijit Mukherjee, Michael Rosenow, Michael Schaefer, Joan Simon, Mark Spitzer, Stephanie Vanderslice and Stephanie Watson. Member not participating: Alexander Chen.

Action Items:

1. Graduate Council Minutes of November 19, 2015 were approved.
2. Michael Schaefer, Chair of Subcommittee I, recommended approval of a new course, ENGL 6190 Graduate Teaching Practicum in English. Approved with two abstentions.
3. Terry James, Chair of Subcommittee III, recommended approval of the following changes for BIOL 5530 Experimental Molecular Biology:
   a. Reduction in credit value by one hour, to be replaced with BIOL 5431 Experimental Molecular Biology
   b. Remove prerequisite courses BIOL 3402 Cell Biology and CHEM 4320 Biochemistry I
   c. Add prerequisite course BIOL 2490 Genetics
   Vote to approve was unanimous.
4. Terry James, Chair of Subcommittee III, recommended approval of increases in the levels of the following courses in the Master of Geographic Information Systems program:
   a. GEOG 5330 Environmental Applications of GIS to GEOG 6330
   b. GEOG 5333 GIS for Planning and Public Administration to GEOG 6333
   Vote to approve was unanimous.
5. Terry James, Chair of Subcommittee III, recommended approval of new course KPED 6V01 Thesis Research with variable (1-3) credit hours. Vote to approve was unanimous.
6. Michael Schaefer, Chair of Subcommittee I, recommended approval to change from electives to core requirements, CSD 6329 Autism Spectrum Disorders: Assessment & Intervention and CSD 6345 Language & Literacy Disorders: Assessment & Intervention, in the MS in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) program, eliminating the 6 hours of electives but resulting in no change in total hours for completion of the degree. Vote passed with two abstentions.
7. Michael Schaefer, Chair of Subcommittee I, recommended approval of credit value changes for the following courses in the MS CSD program:
   a. Reduction by one hour CSD 6321 Cultural Diversity & Counseling in CSD replacing it with CSD 6221
   b. Increasing by one hour CSD 6235 Children Severe Disabilities replacing it with CSD 6335 including a title change to Severe Disabilities & Augmentative-Alternative Communication (AAC)
   Vote passed with two abstentions.
8. R.B. Lenin, Chair of Subcommittee II, recommended approval of the following new courses from the Math Department:
   a. MATH 5391 Machine Learning
   b. MATH 5392 Time Series & Forecasting
   Vote passed with one abstention.
9. R.B. Lenin, Chair of Subcommittee II, recommended approval of the deletion of the following Graduate Certificate (GC) programs from the Elementary, Literacy & Special Education Department:
   a. GC in Special Education Instructional Specialists (P-4)
   b. GC in Special Education Instructional Specialists (4-12)

Vote passed with one abstention.

Information Items:

1. Delete SPAN 6380 Thesis Research as an elective for the GC in Spanish
2. Add the following courses as electives for the GC in Spanish
   a. SPAN 5315 Masterpieces of Pennisular Literature and Culture
   b. SPAN 5345 Masterpieces of Spanish American Literature and Culture
   c. SPAN 5340 History of the Spanish Language
3. Minor course description and title changes for the following courses from the Occupational Therapy Department:
   a. OTHY 6V51 Level II Fieldwork Rotation
   b. OTHY 6V71 Level II Fieldwork Rotation II
   c. OTHY 6190 Formative Competency
   d. OTHY 6307 Theories in Occupational Therapy
   e. OTHY 6323 Professional Foundations of Occupational Therapy
   f. OTHY 6326 Conditions Influencing Occupational Therapy
4. Change course description and title for CSD 6310 from Phonological Development and Disorders to Articulation and Phonology
5. Remove prerequisite from CSD 6311 Aural Rehabilitation
6. Delete the following courses:
   a. CSD 5220 Diagnosis and Planning
   b. CSD 5310 Assistive Technology
   c. CSD 6216 Cleft Palate and Velopharyngeal Incompetence
   d. CSD 6316 Data Analysis
   e. CSD 6328 Counseling in Communication Sciences and Disorders
   f. CSD 6330 Transdisciplinary and Collaborative Practices
   g. CSD 6354 Transdisciplinary Intervention with Young Children
7. Change course descriptions to “on demand” for the following courses:
   a. BIOL 6376 Advanced Immunology
   b. BIOL 6382 Recent Advances in Molecular Biology
   c. BIOL 6442 Aquatic Ecology
   d. BIOL 6443 Advanced Ecology
   e. BIOL 6450 Systematics and Classification
   f. BIOL 6455 Regulatory Physiology
   g. BIOL 6480 Advanced Genetics
   h. CSD 6327 Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Disorders
   i. CSD 6331 Psycholinguistics for CSD
8. Convert to online delivery the following courses from the Family & Consumer Science Dept.
   a. FACS 5324 Nutritional Assessment
   b. FACS 6344 Thesis Research I
c. FACS 6345 Thesis Research II
   d. NUTR 6335 Nutritional Counseling
   e. NUTR 6340 Diabetes Medical Nutrition Therapy
   f. NUTR 6345 Pediatric Nutrition

9. Graduate Faculty Appointments
   a. Ms. Angela Harless, LEAD, initial full Graduate Faculty (3 years)
   b. Ms. Tami Hendrix, T & L, initial associate Graduate Faculty (3 years)
   c. Mr. Craig Seager, LEAD, initial affiliated Graduate Faculty (3 years)

Announcements:

1. The next meeting of the Graduate Council will be held during x-period on Thursday, January 21, 2016 in Wingo 315.