Present: K. Bell, A. Dos Reis, P. Edwards, P. Freeman, M. Garatti, M. Guiry, J. McLaurin, and J. Raskin

Presiding: Phyllis Freeman
Dean of the Graduate School

The meeting was called to order in HAB 802 at 2:00 p.m.

1. The minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2003 were approved unanimously.

2. Announcements
   a. March 8 is the due date for students to submit Research & Creative Projects Awards proposals for 2004. A. Dos Reis asked to be added to the Research and Creative Projects subcommittee. M. Roehm was nominated and voted to the subcommittee. M. Guiry will chair the subcommittee.
   b. Spring 2004 total Graduate School enrollment is down 284 students from Spring 2003.
   c. No announcement has been made regarding the winner of the NAGS master’s thesis award.
   d. At the February 13 meeting, the proposal for the MAAS/ MS in Art Education will be distributed and considered at the February 27, 2004 meeting.

3. Old Business – None

4. New Business
   a. The proposal for the program change in the MA/MAT in Mathematics Education was approved unanimously.
   b. P. Freeman asked Council to review the Graduate School’s grading system to determine the qualitative meaning of the letter grades used in the system. The Academic Standards & Appeals subcommittee will look at this issue before the February 13 meeting.
   c. J. Raskin indicated that the Graduate School does not have a policy for Deferred Admissions. After discussion of this topic, P. Freeman recommended that Council develop an Admissions Deferral Policy. J. Raskin will draft a statement that will be considered at the February 13 meeting.
   d. D. Miller will report on the Graduate School’s Withdrawal Policy at the February 13 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Guiry, Acting Secretary