Members Present: Jianping Wang, Ed Gogol, Mary Walker, Larry Garrison, Shannon Jackson, Roger Pick, Nathan Oyler, Hristo Voulov, Jane Peterson, Laurie Ellinghausen, Andrew Granade, Sue Vartuli. Also present, Dean Denis Medeiros, Nancy Hoover, and Colleen Kelly.

Excused: William Lafferty

Visiting: Mark Parry, Walt Clement, Michael Song

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2013. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of January 25, 2013. Motion passed.

2. Announcements
   Dr. Medeiros announced that the supplemental fellowship stipend nominations are due today. A second call will go out for nominations.

3. Proposal to add Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management tracks to the MBA program.
   Dr. Michael Song and Dr. Mark Parry explained the proposal to add Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management tracks to the MBA degree. It was decided that since this is not a new emphasis and since it does not appear on the transcript that this proposal does not need MDHE approval.

4. Proposal to add a Real Estate emphasis to the MBA program.
   Walt Clements explained the proposal and answered question regarding the proposal. It was moved by Garrison, seconded by Peterson to approve the proposal. Motion passed.

5. Proposal to add option areas to the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.
   Dr. Peterson explained and answered questions regarding the proposal to add four options to the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree: Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, and Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner. The proposal explains that there is a movement in the health professions to transition from the Master’s level of education to a practice doctorate. It was moved by Walker, seconded by Pick to approve the proposal. Motion passed.

6. Proposal to change the name of the Graduate Certificate in Health Professions Curriculum and Evaluation. This proposal will cause the certificate name to be aligned with the new master’s degree in the area. It was moved by Gogol, seconded by Wang to approve the proposal. Motion passed.
7. **Incomplete grades for graduate students.** Dr. Medeiros explained that currently a student could receive a master’s degree while carrying an incomplete grade on the transcript. However, when the grade lapses to an “F” in accordance with the policy for incomplete grades, that may cause the overall GPA to fall below an acceptable level for a master’s degree. There were questions about the withdrawal policy and some options for dealing with this issue. Registrar Doug Swink will be invited to the March meeting to talk about the policies.

8. **Proposal to allow Truman Medical Center and Children’s Mercy faculty to have doctoral faculty status.** It was suggested that the duty of the chairperson be divided into a “committee chair and a “dissertation director.” Or to allow an graduate faculty or adjunct graduate faculty member to be a co-chair. It was also suggested that this exception be made automatically for TMC and CMH faculty.

9. **Dual Bachelor’s / Master’s programs issues:**

   1. What should be the minimum GPA? Draft sets a minimum at 3.0. A 3.0 GPA was approved by the Council.
   2. How many credits may be double-counted? It was moved and approved to allow 9 hours. One member abstained from this vote.
   3. Course grades have to be applied to the undergraduate or graduate degree GPA. It was moved and approved that the grades will count toward the undergraduate GPA, not the graduate GPA.

   Dr. Medeiros will re-draft the proposal and bring it back for final review.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.
10. **Mathematics and Statistics MS Proposal.**
   Dr. Jie Chen presented the proposal and answered questions from the Council. It was moved by Gogol, seconded by Wang to approve the proposal. Motion passed.

11. **Dual Degree Program draft.** Dr. Medeiros presented a draft of policy to put in place regarding dual BS/MS programs. There were questions about how many hours should be shared, the GPA requirement, how dual credit works, transfer work, etc. Dr. Medeiros explained that this is a framework only for policy for units to follow when making proposals for these programs. This topic will be discussed further at the February meeting.

12. **New Master’s Thesis Evaluation form.** At the suggestion of Dr. Walker, Dean Medeiros and Nathan Lindsey drafted a new master’s thesis evaluation form which will better serve assessment needs. It will be put online and units will begin use of it immediately.

13. **Report of Subcommittees** on actions taken on pending applications for appointment or reappointment to the Doctoral Faculty, and reports on pending discipline-specific criteria. The following actions were reported:

    * **Natural and Physical Sciences Subcommittee (Ed Gogol, Chair)**
      Reza Derakhshani (ECE) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty

    * **Social and Behavioral Sciences (Larry Garrison, Chair)**
      Loyce Caruthers (Education) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
      Jennifer Hunter (Nursing) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
      Jacob Marszalek (Education) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
      Robert Gamer (Political Science) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty

    * **Humanities and Arts Subcommittee (Laurie Ellinghausen, Chair)**
      JoDee Davis (Conservatory) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
      Burton Dunbar (Art & Art History) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
      Michael Pritchett (English) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
      Thomas Stein (Conservatory) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
      Jacqueline Wood (English) – New appointment to Doctoral Faculty

**Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.**