General Business

1. Minutes of the April 21st, 2014 Meeting (attached). Brad Jones chaired the meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Report on activities of the Faculty Senate-- Dr. Mark Welker
   Dr. Mark Welker presented updates from the Faculty Senate. They have had three meetings in the fall semester. September: Adam Goldstein, the new Dean of Students and Associate Vice President for Campus Life spoke to the Senate as did Provost Kersh who informed the group about three searches: Dean of the College, Dean of the Law School and Dean of the ZSR Library. October: The Bylaws Committee came back to the larger group. Dwayne Godwin, Dean of Graduate programs in the Biomedical Sciences, discussed with the group a new method for onboarding Wake Forest undergrads who want to be involved in research. The method is intended to make smoother and more efficient the earlier procedure. Welker reported that Godwin’s report was greeted with a standing ovation. November: The group received an account of the Vision 2020 report as well as the October meeting of the trustees. Welker also noted that the group considered the effect of the “Power 5” conferences and the NCAA with the ruling that the “full cost of attendance” can be paid for athletes. There will be more definitions to come but the potential impact of the change is significant.

3. Report on activities of the Graduate Council – Dr. John Llewellyn
   Dr. John Llewellyn gave a brief overview of the Graduate Council’s activities in the fall semester. Co-chairs of the graduate student association, Ronald Nelson and Matthew Brovold, report to the Council at each meeting and are faithful to their duties. The GSA is engaging in professional development activities, social gatherings and charitable projects as well. They report the need for improved administrative structure to keep their workings orderly and efficient. The grad school has provided support with communication projects and has offered to do the same with administrative changes. The GSA has also been working with the library to upgrade the grad student lounge there.
An important issue this fall focused on the terminal degree requirement for admission to the graduate faculty. An individual was proposed who did not have a terminal degree in the relevant field. The Council had several discussion and individuals did much digging into bylaws, the policies of other universities and other sources of insight. Then the nominee solved our short-term problem by accepting a position elsewhere. The upshot of this chapter is that the terminal degree requirement is retained, though we are aware of times and places where exceptions might be considered. The Council reaffirmed the value of strong standards for many reasons, not the least of which is accreditation.

The Council has discussed Research Day 2015 which will again be held at Biotech Place. The 3MT (or three minute thesis) competition will also be held, likely with a revised format to allow more presentations. The 2014 event generated a lot of interest and the 2015 event can be better still.

Dwayne Godwin, in consultation with many others, prepared an improved procedure to facilitate undergraduates who want to participate in research on the Bowman Gray campus.

4. Course Additions, Deletions, Changes

All course changes were reviewed. A motioned was made and all were approved unanimously.

SUMMARY OF COURSE CHANGES; Approved by Graduate Council

September Meeting

BIE 731 Bioethics at Work: The IRB Change
BIE 777 Health Related Research: Law, Regulation, and Policy Add
CSC 631 Object-Oriented Software Engineering Change
DOC 711 Research Methods in Documentary Delete
DOC 713 Writing for Documentary Change
DOC 722 Documentary Storytelling II Add
DOC 726 Documentary Pre Production Planning Delete
DOC 731 Producing, Directing, and Writing Delete
DOC 733 Post Production Techniques Delete
DOC 737 Documentary Storytelling III Add
DOC 746 Advanced Post Production Change
DOC 748 Creative Thesis Project Change
DOC 751 Pedagogy and Curriculum Change
DOC 768 Advanced Creative Project Delete
MLS 715 Rumor and Urban Legend Change
MLS 824 Commemoratives of the Middle Passage Change
MMTS 724 Scientific Development and the Business of Science Change
PHY 789 Survival Skills for Scientists Add
SPA 671 Contrastive Spanish/English Grammar and Stylistics Change
SPA 681 Spanish Translation Change
SPA 682 Spanish English Interpreting Change
SPA 683 Medical-Scientific Translation Change
SPA 685 Spanish for Medical Profession Change
TIS 785 Applied Research Project Change
SUS 694 Internship Add
October Meeting

DOC 750 The Imagination Project Change
MTH 626 Numerical Linear Algebra Change
MTH 645 Elementary Number Theory Change
MTH 646 Modern Number Theory Change
MTH 653 Probability Models Change
MTH 655 Introduction to Numerical Methods Change
MTH 657 Probability Change
SUS 691 Special Topics Add
TIS 789 Independent Study Add

November Meeting

BIO 651 Vertebrate Physiology Change
BIO 611 Ecology & Conservation Biology of Coral Reefs Add
BIO 612 Ecology & Conservation Biology of Coral Reefs Add
BIO 613 Herpetology Add
BIO 627 Epigenetics Add
BIO 628 Biology of Aging Add
BIO 630 Land and Natural-Resource Management Add
BIO 636 Development Add
BIO 637 Development Add
BIO 650 Conservation Biology Add
BIO 650L Conservation Biology Lab Add
BIO 653 Functional Neuroanatomy Add
BIO 656 Ecology and Resource Management of Southeast Australia Add
BIO 657 Bioinspiration and Biomimetics Add
BIO 668 The Cell Biological Basis of Disease Add
BIO 669 The Cell Biological Basis of Disease Add
BIO 673 Cancer Biology Add
BIO 674 Neuropharmacology Add
BIO 675 Great Neglected Diseases of Mankind Add
BIO 679 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems Add
CNS 744 A/B Counseling Internship I -a. School b. Clinical Mental Health Change
CNS 745 A/B Counseling Internship II- a. School b. Clinical Mental Health Change
CNS 755 A/B Counseling Internship III- a. School b. Clinical Mental Health Add
LBS 710 Herman Melville and His World Add
LBS 711 Social Media and You: The Benefits and Burdens Add
NEUR 777, 778 Directed Journal Club in Pain and Anesthesiology Add
REL 641 Religion and Ecology Add
REL 667 Contemplative Traditions in Christianity Change
REL 709 Field Program in Religion and Public Engagement Add

5. Additions to Graduate Faculty

Graduate Faculty additions were reviewed; all were approved unanimously.
Other Business

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1. Program Proposals/Changes

a. Changes to the Documentary Film Program (Cara Pilson, Cindy Hill)
The Documentary Film Program sought permission to become MFA-only and to require 57 hours, up from 54. The changes are in line with trends in the discipline. Approval was unanimous.

b. Changes to the Medieval Studies Certificate Program
This is a request for a change to the title and description. The new title for the graduate certificate would be “Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate Program in Medieval and Early Modern Studies.” Unanimously approved.

c. Five-Year Dual Degree Neuroscience Program (Carol Milligan)
This program yields a BS/BA and an MS with a concentration in neuroscience. Focused undergraduate can gain course credit and research experience that will advantage them for advanced study or work in life science research. Approved unanimously.

d. MS Program in Clinical and Population Studies of Neuroscience-related Health Disparities (Carol Milligan)
This program is intended to attract underrepresented groups into the study of health disparities at the MA level. NIH has a similar effort underway at the doctoral level. Unanimously approved.

e. Neuroscience Concentration (Carol Milligan)
The proposal was to allow the noting of this concentration on the transcript to confirm the course of study. This formal acknowledgement may be an aid to our graduates in showing prospective employers the nature of their studies. Passed unanimously.

f. Master of Science Program in Biomedical Informatics Proposal (Ralph D’Agostino, William Turkett)
This offering is an attempt to create a program similar to some currently operating in our region. It will train students in the analysis of system-sale data for imaging, bioinformatics and public health applications. Approved unanimously.

g. Religion and Public Engagement Concentration Proposal (Jarrod Whitaker)
This program is intended to replicate a very popular program at the undergraduate level and make it available to MA-level students. Passed unanimously.
h. JD/MA in Sustainability Joint Degree Proposal (Dan Fogel)
This combination meets an emerging marketplace demand for this pairing of expertise. Approved unanimously.

2. Policy Changes
a. Update on Review of Pass/Fail Grade Option for Graduate Courses

3. Other Graduate School Activities

4. Announcements
   Research Day is March 20th. It will include the 3MT presentations and 75 poster spaces.
   Call for Hooding and Awards Speaker nominations.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 pm