Members present:
Douglas Boudinot, chair
Barry Bell
Delores Dungee-Anderson
Herschell Emery
Rosemary Farmer
Voji Kecman
Donna McClish
Maitreyee Mohanty
Karla Mossi
Sherry Sandkam
Mark Schaefermeyer
Patricia Slattum
Oliver Speck
Angela Starkweather
Leslie Stratton
Jeanne Walter
Yaoying Xu
Sharon Zumbrunn

I. Committee Reports
A. Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards
   No report.

B. Committee on Internal Review
   Dr. Sherry Sandkam is ex officio liaison for this committee and will be convening a meeting of the members. Agenda items to be discussed will include university initiatives such as assessment, tie-ins to WEAVE reporting, including course mapping to student learning outcomes, and program review.

C. Committee on Policies and Procedures
   Dr. Sherry Sandkam is ex officio liaison for this committee and will be convening a meeting of the members. Graduate Council members were asked to send her any policy items that they would like to be considered. It will be helpful to the committee for such requests to be as explicit as possible.

D. Committee on Programs and Courses
   The committee submitted the following report.

   P&C Committee Report –Items Approved Over the Summer

   School of Medicine
   BIOC 692 Special Topics – new course
   BIOS 692 Special Topics – new course
   EPID 696 Special Topics – new course
   IBMS 692 Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences – new course
   MEDP 592 Special Topics – new course
   MICR 695 Special Topics in Microbiology – new course
   PHIS 692 Special Topics – new course
   PHTX 692 Special Topics – new course
   SBHD 691 Special Topics – grading change and revised bulletin copy
   SBHD 692 Independent Study – numbering change to 695
   SBHD 692 Special Topics – new course

   School of Nursing
   Course replacement in the Masters of Nursing, Adult Health Nursing CNS curriculum…. switching out ADLT 603 for ADLT 606
School of Pharmacy
MS and PhD programs - change the track name Pharmacy Administration to Pharmacoeconomics and Health Outcomes

P&C Committee Report – Items Approved in September
New course
Office of Research
OVPR 602 Responsible Scientific Conduct (hybrid course) -
School of Medicine
BIOS 688 Applied Bayesian Biostatistics
IBMS 620 Laboratory Rotations
IBMS 630 Critical Thinking
IBMS 680 Proposal Preparation
SBHD 634 Researching Doctor – Patient Communication
SBHD 635 Anthropology and Public Health

Course Prefix Change
Office of Research
GRAD 603 Responsible Conduct of Research
   Change to OVPR 603
MICR 510 Scientific Integrity
   Change to OVPR 601

Description Change
Graduate School
GRAD 605 Professional Specialty Seminar

Grading Change
School of Pharmacy
PSCI 607 Introduction to Pharmaceutical Sciences from Bench to Shelf
   Change grading to PR and once PSCI 608 is complete the grade will change to S/U/F
PSCI 608 Introduction to Pharmaceutical Sciences from Bench to Shelf
   Change the grading to S/U/F

Course Replacement
School of Nursing
Masters, Adult Health Nursing track – replaced ADLT 606 for ADLT 603

Course Format Change
School of Nursing
NURS 501 Advanced Professionalization I – change to online format

III. Action Items
   Curriculum Revision
   School of Nursing
   Master’s Program – deletion of the thesis option, revision of requirements - APPROVED
IV. Old Business
Dr. Sherry Sandkam reported that the statement of research that UGC approved last year has been incorporated by the Provost’s Office into the registration screen for all students.

GRADUATE STUDENTS: BY CLICKING SUBMIT I further affirm that I will abide by VCU polices pertaining to responsible conduct of research, including the protection of human and animal research subjects, and that I have completed or will complete relevant training required by VCU and appropriate sponsoring agencies. http://www.research.vcu.edu.

A question was asked if the paper course registration form will be updated since there are some programs that still use it. The form was checked and does not include the statement so the Registrar’s Office has been e-mailed to update the form.

V. New Business
Dr. Delores Dungee-Anderson was elected parliamentarian.

VI. Chair’s Report
Dr. Doug Boudinot reported that the Graduate School has met enrollment projections for this academic year with nearly 3,800 masters students and 1,470 doctoral students enrolled.

The Graduate School’s 5-year report and last year’s annual report are now posted online at: http://www.graduate.vcu.edu/welcome/report.html

Graduation rates are also up with 1,770 masters students and 329 doctoral students graduating last academic year.

Quest for Distinction is being implemented and updates on progress made will be presented at all upcoming UGC meetings. Over the course of the upcoming year, the Graduate School will be putting together two committees. One to review and revise the Graduate School’s By-laws and the other for developing a new strategic plan for the Graduate School now that the Quest for Distinction has been finalized.

Adjourned at 3:35 pm.