Present:
Dr. Lowell Caneday, Vice-Chair
Dr. Brenda Smith, Group I
Dr. Glenn Zhang, Group I
Dr. Randi Eldevik, Group II
Dr. Mark Wilkins, Group III
Dr. Albert Rosenberger, Group III
Dr. Amanda Morris, Group IV
Dr. Rebecca Sheehan, Group IV
Dr. Lynna Ausburn, Group V
Dr. Doug Smith, Group V
Dr. Pamela Lloyd, Group VI
Dr. Bruce Benjamin, CHS

Graduate College:
Dr. Sheryl Tucker
Dr. Jean Van Delinder
Dr. Ken Clinkenbeard

Guests:
Ms. Catherine Molleno

Vice-Chair Lowell Caneday called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm with a quorum present.
Following a motion (Dr. Mark Wilkins) and a second (Dr. Brenda Smith), the minutes of the previous meeting of November 15, 2013, were approved.

GPSGA report
GPSGA President Catherine Molleno reported they had their first Spring Assembly last week. They raised $500 for typhoon victims and are in the planning stages for graduate education week. Catherine stated that she would not be here next meeting because she will be traveling overseas but will be back in time for the March meeting.

Graduate College Report
Dr. Sheryl Tucker reported on the status of tuition waivers. Research Week is coming up. The award announcements for the Summer Dissertation Fellowships, Graduate Commencement Marshals, Research Awards and Outstanding Graduate Coordinator/Staff Awards are now on the website. There are ongoing problems with students getting mixed messages about their academic progress. Many students receive satisfactory research grades and then are being recommended for dismissal from their program due to unsatisfactory research.

Old Business
CollegeNet was launched on December 2 and is able to communicate SIS with very few glitches. There are some problems with uploads taking around 45 minutes to complete. We are still waiting on “Admit” which will enable the applications to be seamlessly referred and accepted. Training for individual departments will be started in February. If a program wants their training moved up
because of application deadlines, we will accommodate them. Right now, we have a workaround so we can admit students outside the system.

3MT competition: Applications closed last Friday with 98 students registered. The distribution is such that there are at least 7 or more per college. Finals of this event will be during graduate education week.

Graduate Education Week: GPSGA is co-sponsoring many events such as the Tuesday, April 8 lecture by Jorge Cham. Dr. Cham writes about life in graduate school in the comic strip “Piled Higher and Deeper.” He also wrote the PhD Movie.

Working Group to study the Graduate Faculty Bylaws: The working group consisted of the six Subject Matter Groups who examined our peer institutions. The proposed categories include Member, Associate, Emeritus, and Ex Officio. Prior to the next Graduate Council meeting, the working group will reconvene to discuss these items further and be ready with details for the next Council meeting.

**New Business**
The Academic Program Committee recommended a proposed option name change in the psychology program from Lifespan Development Psychology to Experimental Psychology. It was moved and seconded by Academic Program Committee and Dr. Rosenberger to approve the name change back to the original name of Experimental Psychology.

Discussion of Academic Policies included establishing a minimum grade point requirement of 3.0 to be considered in good academic standing. At present, in some programs students can still graduate with less than a cumulative 3.0 GPA as long as their Plan of Study reflects a 3.0 grade point average.

**Other**

Adjourned 1:45 pm.