Vice-Chair Lowell Caneday called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm with a quorum present. Following a motion (Dr. Allen Scott) and a second (Dr. Mark Wilkins), the minutes of May 17 and August 21 were approved with edits. Dr. Caneday accepted suggested edits from several members of Council and will incorporate those edits as approved into the minutes.

GPSGA report
September 18 was the first General Assembly meeting of the academic year, Dean Sheryl Tucker was the featured speaker. Ms. Jodie Kennedy also attended to answer questions about the tuition waivers. GPSGA President Catherine Molleno reported the General Assembly meeting included a discussion about group funding issues and miscommunications related to GPSGA bylaws. GPSGA is considering an online system to replace the current paper system to address funding notification concerns.

Graduate College Report
Dr. Sheryl Tucker reported about the new tuition waiver program and related IT concerns. The Graduate College manually processed most of the waivers. IT concerns have also delayed the CollegeNet web-based application launch.

There will be another round of academic policies for Council to review this semester.
Old Business

**Maximum Enrollment Restrictions.** Colleges of Business (Associate Dean Mark Weiser) and Education (Associate Dean Bob Davis) representatives discussed their concerns with the 12-hour maximum enrollment limit without dean of the Graduate College approval policy (approved in July 2013). The majority of programs that consistently exceed the 12-hour per semester enrollment pattern are in the Spears School of Business and are professional degrees without a research component (e.g., MBA students are taking 13-15 hours per semester, which is consistent with other universities).

Council discussed the policy and its related impact. The consensus of the discussion settled with the maximum enrollment rule at 12 hours in a given semester for all colleges with the exception of the Spears School of Business, which will remain at the current 16-hour enrollment restriction. The motion also allows for the policy to undergo periodic review for changes. Following a motion (Dr. Rebecca Sheehan) and a second (Dr. Brenda Smith), this motion approved.

Present policy related to May intercession only allows graduate students to take one three credit hour course that can be used on a POS, meaning one enrollment in a May intercession during pursuit of a degree. This policy is a concern, is not currently being enforced, and will be discussed after further review.

**GTA Professional Development Task Force Report.** The Task Force recommended an increase in the number of credit hours, from 1 to 2 credit hours, in the two ITA courses, GRAD 5981 and GRAD 5991. Following general discussion, the plan is to present this topic at Group meetings. APC moved to endorse the recommendations of the Task Force with three additions, such as to involve new teaching fellows as resources. Following a motion (APC) and second (Dr. Rebecca Sheehan), motion passed. Members of Council were encouraged to put this topic on their respective October agendas for Group meetings.

New Business

**University Faculty Preparation.** Academic Program Committee (APC) met, reviewed and discussed the Graduate Certificate in University Faculty Preparation. Weaknesses in the current program outweigh the strengths. APC recommends that GRAD 5992 still be offered while the program is in abeyance. Anyone currently enrolled will be allowed to finish. Following a motion (APC) to suspend the program and second (Dr. Lynna Ausburn), motion approved.

**Commencement Help.** GPSGA provides significant assistance with commencement, but the Graduate College needs additional help from 4-7 pm. It was decided that the College will request two representatives per college through their respective ADR.

**Library Committee Nomination.** Two people are needed for the Committee, Lowell Caneday and Mark Wilkins volunteered to serve, unless Dr. Pam Lloyd can represent Graduate Council in her current role. Following a motion (Dr. Allen Scott) and a second (Dr. Brenda Smith), motion to ratify these representatives was approved.

**Honorary Degrees Committee.** In the responsibilities of the Vice Chair of Council, Dr. Lowell Caneday chairs the Honorary Degrees Committee. Representatives from each group were requested as volunteers. The following volunteers stepped forward: Group 1 – Drs. Brenda Smith; Group II – Allen Scott, Group III – Al Rosenberger; Group IV – Rebecca Sheehan; Group V – Doug Smith; Group VI – Tom Oomens to represent Council. Following a motion (Dr. Lynna Ausburn) and a second (Dr. Marlys Mason), motion to ratify these representatives was approved. These nominations will now advance to the provost.
**Academic Integrity Committee.** Council agreed to confirm Dr. Donald Ruhl for appointment to represent the Graduate Faculty on the Academic Integrity Panel. Following a motion (Dr. Allen Scott) and a second (Dr. Mark Wilkins), motion was approved.

**Other Graduate Faculty.** The renewal process for graduate faculty has commenced. Faculty members were encouraged to speak to their Group representatives about any concerns with this process. This topic was also encouraged to be included on the October group meetings.

Adjourned 3:13 pm.