Present:
Dr. Brenda Smith, Vice Chair
Dr. Stephen Clarke, 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. Doug Smith, Group V
Dr. Tom Oomens, Group VI

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

Guests:
Mr. Sean McCoshum

Vice-Chair Brenda Smith called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm with a quorum present. Following a motion (Dr. Mark Wilkins), and a second (Dr. Doug Smith), the minutes of the previous meeting on September 26, 2014 were approved.

GPSGA report
GPSGA President Sean McCoshum reported the General Assembly meeting included a discussion about cross communications between departments. They have $13,500 in unallocated funds in their budget. Currently, not all GTA’s do have to take FERPA training and GPSGA has a drafted a resolution to make it mandatory. There was a presentation about Academic Integrity at a recent GPSGA General Assembly and a question arose about what it means to self-plagiarize. The Graduate College will get clarification from Dr. Rae Ann Cruse in Academic Affairs.

Graduate College Report
Dr. Sheryl Tucker reported that citizenship limitations on the Robberson Trust funds have been reviewed by legal counsel, and the US citizen restriction does not apply to Robberson Trust research funds only fellowship funds. Starting this fall, graduate students will now receive larger diplomas for doctoral degrees. Next week the data bricks and completion reports will be ready. We are encouraging faculty to use the completion reports as well as bricks in the Academic Program Reviews. Subject Matter Group Bylaws will need to be reviewed before being sent out for a final vote. Selections have been made for the four Fall Honorary Commencement Marshals. Two were selected at both the M.S. and Ph.D. levels. The quality of the applications was very strong this year.
**Old Business**

**New Business**
The Academic Program Committee (APC) brought forward the following academic program recommendations:

M.S. Counseling – option name change from “Community Counseling to “Mental Health Counseling”. It was moved by APC and seconded (Dr. Amanda Morris) to approve. The motion to approve carried.

M.S. Human Sciences – degree name change from “Master of Science Human Sciences” to “Master of Science Family Financial Planning”. It was moved by APC and seconded (Dr. Amanda Morris) to approve. The motion to approve carried.

New degree request – Graduate Certificate International Disaster Management. It was moved by APC and seconded (Dr. Doug Smith) to approve the new 18 hour interdisciplinary certificate which is a collaboration between the Fire and Emergency Management Program (FEMP) and International Studies (IS). Currently, only one other program like this exists. The motion to approve carried.

New degree request – Master of Science in Petroleum Engineering. It was moved by APC and seconded (Dr. Doug Smith) to approve Petroleum Engineering. Dr. Rob Whiteley Department Head of the College of Engineering addressed the Council and said they have buy-in from OU. The motion to approve carried.

It was moved (Dr. Mark Wilkins) and seconded (Dr. Amanda Morris) to encourage CEAT to develop a graduate certificate in petroleum engineering. The Council approved the motion to encourage CEAT about developing a graduate certificate in petroleum engineering to fill a niche in the market.

**Other**
GPSGA is sponsoring a program for National Trans Remembrance Day on November 20 at 8:30 p.m. in the French Lounge, Student Union.

Adjourned 2:45 pm.