Members Present: Greg Brickman, Deborah Shepherd, Rebecca Harlin, Gail Burnaford, Deborah Floyd, Hanizah Zainuddin, Mary Lou Duffy, Jennifer Sughrue (for Meredith Mountford).

I. Student Petitions and Waivers: # of action items: 16. Approved 14 petitions and deferred 2 petitions to department.

Approved petitions for:

- Counselor Education: 1
- Curriculum Culture, and Educational Inquiry: 3
- Educational Leadership: 6
- Exceptional Education: 2
- Teaching and Learning: 2

Disapproved and deferred to the dept. for further clarification:

- Educational Leadership: 2

II. Curriculum Items

Approved the following ESE course change requests:

The committee unanimously approved all 25 EEX course change requests, which are as follow:

- 16 courses listed as course changes.

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III. Graduate Faculty Status

Approved Status for:

1. Sue Graves (Level B)
2. Bob Zoeller (Level A)
3. David Kumar (Level A)

V. Other Business

The GPC agreed that the Committee needs a site on the College Website for Graduate Program Committee information, links, and minutes. Gail Burnaford will consult the Dean and pursue this site for the Committee.

VI. College Graduate Issues and Information

GPC representatives agreed with the views and concerns of the Educational Leadership Faculty regarding the recent changes made in the process and procedures of the graduate dissertation/theses which came into effect Fall of 2008. GPC has serious concerns that:
a) these changes will negatively impact our students’ ability to complete requirements and graduate in an efficient manner
b) these changes have not been vetted by the departments that have doctoral and masters programs and other units such as the Graduate Faculty Council and Faculty Assembly,
c) the process for making changes in the graduate process (theses and dissertation) has been altered.

GPC recommended that the Graduate Council representatives meet with our Dean, the Dean of Graduate Studies (Barry Rosson), and the Provost to discuss the process for making these changes and the need for departments that have doctoral programs to be involved in the discussion of this process. Gail Burnaford will work with Dean Bristor to arrange this meeting.