Members Present: Brian Ackley, Peter Grund, ChangHwan Kim, Peter Ojiambo, Armin Schulz, Ric Steele, Alesia Woszidlo, Patrick Terry (Graduate Student)

Others in attendance: Kristine Latta (COGA), Cindy Lynn (COGA), Jim Mielke (ex-officio) and Mark Jakubauskas (EVRN)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Woszidlo at 11:05 a.m.

Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 20, 2014, minutes of the Committee on Graduate Studies, as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report of the Proposals, Awards, and Scholarships (PAS) Subcommittee
(Dr. Ric Steele, reporting)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the PSM 4+1 in Environmental Assessment proposal. Dr. Latta will investigate a question from the CGS regarding course repeat policy. The CGS has given prior approval for a friendly amendment regarding electives if needed. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Steele introduced Dr. Jakubauskas, who responded on behalf of EVRN to questions from the CGS.

Report of the Program and Curricular Changes (PCC) Subcommittee
(Dr. ChangHwan Kim, reporting)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the PHSX MA program change. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve all curricular changes. The motion was approved unanimously.

A. Curricular Changes:

1. New courses: BINF 703, BINF 704, PSYCH 984, PSYC 988

New Business
(Dr. Kristine Latta, reporting)
Dr. Latta provided a brief tour of the new COGA awards and funding page. It is hoped that the new design will attract more applications and nominations for awards and scholarships.

Dr. Latta also provided an update to the Kate Stephens Fellowship. The award will be offered every 2 years. The intention is offer a larger award amount and thereby increase the number of nominations.

CGS will need two alternates for spring due to a teaching conflict and a phased retirement semester.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Woszidlo at 11:35 a.m.

**Upcoming Meetings**

The next meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies is **Thursday, January 22, 2015, 11:00 a.m., 210 Strong Hall**.

*Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lynn, COGA*