Members Present: Jane Barnette, Justin Blumenstiel, Paula Fite Peter Ojiambo, Armin Schulz, Ric Steele (Chair), Anthony Walton, Christina Amaro (Graduate Student), Peter Lewis (Graduate Student), and Carmen Torre Perez (Graduate Student)

Others in attendance: Kristine Latta (COGA), Emily Dodson (COGA), and Jim Mielke (ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Steele at 11:04 a.m.

Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 24, 2016, minutes of the Committee on Graduate Studies, as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the new course, BIOL 741, with a friendly amendment. The motion was approved unanimously.

BIOL 741  BIOLOGY OF FRESHWATER INVERTEBRATES (3)
ADD TEXT: Not open to students who have taken BIOL 541.

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

COURSE CHANGES:   THR 828

A motion was made and seconded to approve all course deactivations. The motion was approved unanimously.

COURSE DEACTIVATIONS:   GEOG 741, 751, 756, 773, 775, 802, 835, 937, 939, 957, 975, THR 709, 829

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

PORGAM CHANGE: Change to Existing Degree - BIOL-PhD: Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology Ph.D.
(Dr. Walton, reporting)

Recommendations on Provisional Admission and Academic Probation Policy were presented for discussion. This was an initial review and update on progress. The recommendations will be brought back for additional review at a later date.

**Old Business**  
(Dr. Latta, reporting)

Dr. Latta reported that the grading basis has been approved by University Senate. Once final, departments will be given the option of adopting this scale for the grading of thesis/dissertation or changing to an A-F grading basis. S/U will no longer be a grading option.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Steele at 11:50 p.m.

**Upcoming Meetings**
The next meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies is **Thursday, April 21, 2016, 11:00 a.m., 210 Strong Hall.**

*Respectfully submitted by Emily Dodson, COGA.*