The meeting was called to order by Ed Morris at 11:05 a.m.

The members introduced themselves, and Dr. Morris welcomed Dr. Margot Versteeg to the committee representing the Humanities, and graduate student Stephanie Meador representing the Natural Sciences/Math. Dr. Versteeg and Ms. Meador will join the Policies, Procedures, and Awards Subcommittee.

Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 26, 2012 minutes of the Committee on Graduate Studies. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report of the Curricular Changes Subcommittee
(Kees Van der Veen, reporting)

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the following course changes recommended by the subcommittee. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - BIOL 952, LING 738
  - VAE 780 was approved pending confirmation that this 9 hour course is the only enrollment expected in a semester. Katie Rockey will confirm.

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the following new courses recommended by the subcommittee. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - EALC 764, POLS 957

Report of the Petitions & Program Changes Subcommittee
(Tanya Hart reporting)

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the change in maximum number of non-language courses that may be taken to fulfill requirements for the Classics MA degree. The change makes a distinction between the current 12 hour maximum for all students, and a 15 hour maximum for students who enroll in CLSX 899 thesis hours.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the change in examination requirements for the MATH PHD. By allowing coursework to substitute for one of three qualifying exams, the change will lessen the time it takes students to complete their exams and allow them to get to the research phase of their program sooner.
  - Proposed: (A) Qual Coursework: Prospective PhD students must pass MATH 727, MATH 765, MATH 781, and MATH 791 with a grade of B or better or pass the corresponding qualifying exam. More advanced students may substitute corresponding 800 level courses. For example, MATH 800 or MATH 810 may substitute for MATH 765; MATH 830 or MATH 831 may substitute for MATH 791; MATH 881 or MATH
882 may substitute for MATH 781; MATH 865 or MATH 866 may substitute for MATH 727. The qual course requirement must be met before taking the preliminary exam. (B)

New track requirements: Track requirements: (i) Pure Mathematics. This track requires MATH 800; MATH 810; MATH 820 or MATH 821; MATH 830 and an approved course in geometry (e.g., MATH 840, MATH 910, or MATH 920). (ii) Applied Mathematics. This track requires MATH 800; MATH 810; one of the following sequences: MATH 881-882, or MATH 865-866, or MATH 850-851; and one of MATH 840, MATH 850, or MATH 950. Any of the track courses above used to fulfill the qual course requirement must be passed with a grade of B or better.

Report of the Policies, Procedures, and Awards Subcommittee
(Eve Levin, reporting)

Dr. Levin reported that the subcommittee will meet on Thursday, February 16th to discuss the Dean’s Change #3. The Dean is seeking a set of guidelines and best practices for learning outcomes that specifically pertain to the GTA/GRA experiences of our students.

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

Upcoming Meetings
The next meetings of the CGS Subcommittees are Thursday, February 16, 2012.

- Curricular Changes Subcommittee, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM, 210 Strong Hall (CLAS Conference Room)
- Petitions & Program Changes, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM, 102 Strong Hall (Lea Smith’s Office)
- Policies, Procedures, and Awards, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM, 213 Strong Hall (Graduate Studies Conference Room)

The next meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies is Thursday, February 23, 2012, 11:00 AM, 210 Strong Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Leatrice M. Smith, COGA Supervisor, CGS staff liaison