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

Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the December 15, 2016, minutes of the Committee on Graduate Studies, as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Removal of the History of Art, PhD program change from the consent agenda was requested.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the remaining items listed on the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

The consent agenda included the following:

A. Curricular Changes:
   1. Course Deactivation: ADSC 810

Items removed from Consent Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to table the History of Art, PhD program change proposal pending further clarification from the department regarding the grading scale.

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed new courses. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Courses: EVRN 736, EVRN 737, EVRN 843, EVRN 747, GEOL 755
**New Business**

Dr. Blumenstiel reported that the first two meetings of the Dean’s Special Committee to evaluate the process used to approve new programs have occurred. The CGS discussed several concerns about the program review process. Dr. Blumenstiel will share these with the Special Committee, and will keep CGS informed of the progress.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Blumenstiel at 11:42 am.

**Upcoming Meetings**

The next meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies is **Thursday, February 9, 2017, 11:00 a.m., 210 Strong Hall.**

*Respectfully submitted by Rachel Schwien, COGA*