Item 1: Welcome, Lunch, and Approval of Minutes
• Following lunch, Dr. Condrey called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm and the Council approved the July meeting minutes with minor amendments.

Item 2: Report from Dr. Yates, Interim Associate Provost for Graduate Education
• Graduate Assistantship applications are low for this time of the year. Faculty should ask students to put in their applications early. It is expected the current paper-based graduate assistantship application form will be replaced with an online form. Training for graduate assistants will be held on August 16. Dr. Deborah Bordelon, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, will address the students at this event.
• Associate Provost & Associate VP for Undergraduate Education, Dr. Pat McHenry, sent an email about undergraduate and graduate students enrolling in courses not required for their program, which could affect their financial aid. It was suggested that departments put a list of commonly selected electives in Degreeworks to help alleviate this situation.
• Enrollment of graduate students has gone up to 1304 from 1299 at the same time last year. Numbers are up for COEHP and COA, and down for COLS and COB. Steps like graduate certificates or micromasters need to be considered to increase enrollments.
• Dr. Kimberly Gill (COLS) will replace Dr. Nicholas Bolden (COLS) on the Council.

Item 3: Old Business: Approval of Graduate Faculty
• The Council reviewed nine graduate faculty membership applications – eight of these were approved for provisional membership (including one as supervisory only). One application was approved for full membership.

Item 4: New Business:
• Admission of students from non-regionally accredited universities The issue was addressed by Dr. Howard. The discussion centered around the process of who determines the accreditation status of a university. The Council was told that the information on accreditation is not necessarily gathered by Admissions. Opinion was expressed that faculty who work with new students may not realize that they have graduated from a non-accredited university. Therefore, the process needs to be reviewed on how this is determined and once faculty know, they can review the students’ transcripts and determine whether the student can be accepted. There was also discussion on the process of faculty determining the acceptance based on looking at specific courses. Dr. Howard was going to explore the admission process and report back.
• **Gregory Domin Graduate Research Conference** The submission deadline for this conference was announced by Dr. Yates. Calls for student and faculty volunteers are to go out soon. Dr. Yates asked members to encourage their peers to present at the Faculty Graduate Conference.

• **Graduate Faculty Application Task Force** Dr. Condrey reported that the task force, with Drs. Lynch, Burgess, Gill and Condrey as members, has made some progress and more remains to be done. Duration of membership is one of the issues to be discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. The next meeting of the Council will be held at 12 p.m., Friday, September 13, 2019.