Members Present:  David Brackett, Dave Mechem, Kris Pedersen, Jon Tunge, Margot Versteeg, Tony Walton

Others in attendance:  Rachel Schwien (COGA)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mechem at 11:07 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 28, 2017, minutes of the Committee on Graduate Studies.  The motion was approved unanimously.

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

The consent agenda included the following:

A. Curricular Changes:
   Course Changes:  BIOL 795, BIOL 796, BIOL 943
   Course Deactivations:  ABSC 703, ABSC 709, ABSC 721, ABSC 723, ABSC 730, ABSC 741, ABSC 742, ABSC 756, ABSC 821, ABSC 822, ABSC 824, ABSC 837, ABSC 848, ABSC 866, ABSC 874, ABSC 877, ABSC 900, ABSC 908, ABSC 921, ABSC 935, ABSC 942, ABSC 989, ATMO 750, BIOL 704, BIOL 709, BIOL 710, BIOL 717, BIOL 718, BIOL 719, BIOL 721, BIOL 745, BIOL 751, BIOL 756, BIOL 767, BIOL 768, BIOL 770, BIOL 777, BIOL 780, BIOL 781, BIOL 806, BIOL 810, BIOL 813, BIOL 842, BIOL 847, BIOL 872, BIOL 888, BIOL 903, BIOL 904, BIOL 911, BIOL 930, FMS 774, GEOG 926, PHSX 723, SPLH 784/COMS 784/PSYC 784

Report of the Program and Curricular Changes (PCC) Subcommittee
(Dr. Tony Walton, reporting)
A motion was made and seconded to approve the curricular changes for approval.  The motion was approved unanimously.
A. Curricular Changes:
   Course Changes: BIOL 714, HUM 701, WGSS 802

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Program changes for approval with a friendly amendment to clarify the graduate advisory committee requirement for each program. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Program Changes for Approval
   Change to Existing Program: Biochemistry and Biophysics, PhD
   Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, PhD

New Business
Ms. Schwien reported the winners of the Spring 2017 Outstanding Master’s Thesis or Research Project Award. Due to the quality of submissions received, two awards were given for this round.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Mechem at 11:24 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings
The next meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies is Thursday, October 26, 2017 11:00 a.m., 210 Strong Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Schwien, COGA