I. Approval of Minutes from 4/25/2013

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.
Moved: The motion was made by Dr. Layman.
Second: The motion was seconded by Dr. Etheridge.
The minutes, as amended, were unanimously approved.

II. Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty – Dr. Sherman/Dr. Layman

Dr. Layman moved to recommend 7 COB tenured faculty be approved for 5 year appointments. They include: Bland, Eugene; Changchit, Chuleeporn; Cutshall, Robert; Deis, Donald; Loveland, Karen; Sherman, W. Scott; Spencer, Marilyn. Motion approved unanimously, with Dr. Sherman abstaining.

Dr. Sherman moved to recommend 11 CLA faculty for 5-year reappointments, 1 for a 2-year reappointment and 1 for a 1-year reappointment. Motion approved unanimously, with Dr. Etheridge abstaining. Reappointments include: Benibo, Bilaye (2); Epley, Jennifer; Etheridge, Charles; Gron, Jack; Gurney, David; Hill III, Sam S (1); Jarrell, Melissa; O’Malley, Ryan; Ozymy, Joshua; Quick, Catherine; Quintanilla, Kelly; Rodriguez, Stephanie R., Thompson, Ethan.

B. Retention Committee – Dr. JoAnn Canales

Dr. Canales requested a volunteer to serve on the Retention Committee headed by Dr. Gerry Moreno. Dr. Sherman volunteered to serve if someone would replace him on the International Committee. Dr. King volunteered to serve as the liaison to that committee.

III. Liaison Reports

A. ITDEC – Dr. Eve Layman. No report as committee had not met. She did, however, encourage everyone to sign up for the new process to receive passwords as only 5% had responded to date.
B. International – Dr. Sherman. No report as committee had not met since the April 25, 2013 Graduate Council meeting.

C. Faculty Senate – Dr. Sherrye Garrett will be stepping down as Faculty Senate liaison. This role will be assumed by Dr. Bryant Griffith, the new Chair of Academic Affairs for Faculty Senate. Dr. Sherman added that Faculty Senate had voted to approve the new doctoral program in S&E in Geospatial Computing Sciences.

D. Library – Dr. Christine Shupala. No report. Dr. Canales did add that external reviewers for the undergraduate and graduate programs in English had recommended a new library facility more conducive to student needs. Dr. Sherman added that he is chairing the search committee for the Director of Library Services and candidates will be on campus, hopefully this summer.

E. Moving Forward – Dr. JoAnn Canales. Dr. Canales briefly recapped some accomplishments of CGS, e.g., 8 program reviews in three colleges, changes to the scholarship process. Among the issues to be discussed for Grad Council to undertake include:

- Develop bylaws addressing purpose of graduate council, role in program development/approval, graduate student representation
- Clarification of new program proposal process
- Consolidation of admission and scholarship application process
- Increased funding for students
- IRB clarification for dissertation process
- Master’s theses process
- CGS representation on Faculty Senate
- Revision of dates rules and procedures
- Graduate student involvement on the Council

F. Matters Arising: None

G. Presentation of Certificates to outgoing members including
   - Dr. Charles Etheridge
   - Dr. Sherrye Garrett
   - Dr. Thomas Naehr
   - Dr. Claudia McDonald
   - Dr. Corinne Valadez
   - Dr. Anita Reed
   - Dr. Stephanie Rollie Rodriguez

H. Adjournment – Dr. King moved to adjourn at 3:20PM.