Meeting began at 1:10pm

I. **Welcome and Introductions**
   A. New members were introduced by Dr. Naehr

II. **Sharing of Expectations**
   A. Council Structure
      i. Dr. Naehr explained the structure of the Graduate Council and its subcommittees and explained that he convenes the Council together with the Graduate Dean and Council Chair, but does not vote.
      ii. Dr. Naehr, Dr. Canales, and Dr. Rudowsky are nonvoting members. Dr. Valadez is a voting member for the College of Education and also acts as a non-voting ex-officio member representing Faculty Senate.

III. **Selection of a Council Chair**
   A. Dr. Anita Reed was unanimously elected as Council Chair for the 2015/16 academic year.

IV. **Subcommittee Assignments & Selection of Subcommittee Chairs**
   A. Composition and assignments of the subcommittees were discussed. Subcommittees will elect chairs once the membership roster is complete.

V. **Reports & Updates**
   A. **Graduate Council Chair**
      i. The Council Chair reiterated the dual role of the Graduate Council as a decision-making and advisory body.

   B. **CGS Updates – Dr. JoAnn Canales**
      i. Dr. Canales gave PowerPoint presentation about Graduate Studies at TAMUCC that had been presented to President’s Cabinet.

   ii. Other Announcements:
      1. Every program will now get all census data following the final census date.
      2. Strategic Recruitment
F. **CGS Representation on University Committees**
Dr. Naehr will send out the list of university committees who need CGS representation to the Grad Council

VII. **Matters Arising**
Dr. Spaniol discussed importance of Graduate Program Coordinators and whether all coordinators receive the same amount of release time.
Dr. Naehr will send a survey to the Graduate Program Coordinators asking about release time.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm**