The Graduate Council met for its scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 in Room 114A of the K.E. White Graduate Center. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Dr. Paula S. Viltz, Chair.

Members Present: (13): Dr. Harry Bass, Mr. Vincent Beamon, Mrs. Deborah Branch, Dr. Farrah Chandler, Dr. Charles Cherry, Dr. Saundra Copeland, Ms. Latonya Gregory, Dr. Murel Jones, Dr. Jeanne Marquitz, Mr. Carl Seward, Dr. Juanita Midgette Spence, Mrs. Amy Jo Spencer, and Dr. Paula Viltz.

Guest Present: Ms. Rose Hotchkiss, Program Facilitator for the Master of Science in Biology Education Degree Program and representative for Dr. Jeffrey Rousch.

Staff Present: Dr. Miles Fisher, Project Coordinator, HBCU Masters Degree Program Grant.

Minutes of the February 9, 2011 Meeting: A motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2011 Meeting of the Graduate Council was made by Dr. Charles Cherry. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jeanne Marquitz. The minutes were approved by a majority vote.

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS): Dr. Paula Viltz thanked the members of the Graduate Council for the role that they had played in the successful accreditation visit by SACS.

Graduate Student Enrollment: Dr. Paula Viltz shared with the Council information on the Graduate Student enrollment. She emphasized that the trend that the graduate student enrollment had increased was due to the availability of financial assistance for the students.

Introduction: Dr. Paula Viltz introduced Mr. George Cox to the Graduate Council and indicated that he would be working with us to recruit students.

May 2011 Graduate Student Graduates: There will be eight students completing the Masters degree programs at ECSU. Three (3) students in Mathematics; One (1) student in Elementary Education; and, four (4) students in the Master of School Administration Program.

Summer School Courses: Dr. Paula Viltz indicated that there were more courses being offered in the two sessions of Summer School for 2011.

Certified Graduate Faculty to Date: Dr. Paula Viltz referred to the list of 25 Certified Graduate Faculty and reminded the Council Members of the new dates for processing Graduate Faculty applications in the Fall and Spring Semesters, 2011-2012.

U.S. Department of Education Project Director’s Conference: Dr. Paula Viltz shared with the Council the Mega Trends which were presented by Dr. Aubrey Brown of Delphi Corporation at the Project Directors Conference which was held on April 19, 20, & 21, 2011. These trends
were: Population Growth, Elderly Populations, Generation X & Y; Safety, Security, Research, Health Care, Globalization, Social Media, Environmental Issues, and etc.

**NC Graduate Education Legislative Event:** The Graduate Program will be represented and participate in the May 25, 2011 Graduate Education Day in Raleigh at the State Legislature. Mrs. Amy Jo Spencer and Mr. Kaim Frink will make presentations at that time. Several persons from the University will be in attendance where we will meet with our State Senate and State House of Representatives Legislators.

**Graduate Education Strategic Plan:** The discussion on the Plan was deferred until a later time.

**MS Mathematics Curriculum Changes (Action Item):** Dr. Farrah Chandler discussed the three new courses which are being added to the Mathematics Curriculum. Introduction of new course numbers and courses are: MATT 540 (which replaces EDUC 600), MATT 640 (which replaces EDUC 630), and MATT 699 (which replaces EDUC 699). These courses will replace previous courses in the curriculum which were not aligned to the new direction of the program as approved by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. A motion was made by Mr. Carl Seward to accept the curriculum changes. Mrs. Deborah Branch seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote. It was noted that next Semester the research paper will not follow the APA format.

**New Degree Intent to Plan MBA (Action Item):** This item was delayed pending further review.

**MPA Update:** Dr. Murel Jones indicated that the MPA Proposal was in the process of being finalized. It has been sent to the Curriculum Committee and is pending before the Administrative Council.

**Graduate Catalog 2010-2012:** Mr. Vincent Beamon addressed the changes which were made to the Graduate Catalog regarding the SACS Accreditation Statement.

**HBCU Masters Degree Program Grant:** Dr. Miles Fisher presented the Staff Report on the Grant program.

**Standing Committee Reports:** There were no Standing Committee Reports. Dr. Paula Viltz encouraged the Chairs to address the charges from the earlier meeting for Fall presentations.

**Degree Program Updates:**
Master of Education in Elementary Education: Dr. Copeland indicated that the program will have one (1) graduate at the Spring 2011 Commencement, Mrs. Amy Jo Spencer. She further indicated that the Thesis would no longer be required for the Masters Degree in Elementary Education. Further, a Teaching License and a degree will be replacing the requirement of gainful employment for students to be accepted into the Program. The Online Elementary Education Program has not been approved. Updated courses to be on line have been received and approved but not all internal things have been completed.

Master of School Administration: Dr. Copeland indicated that there would be four (4) graduates in the Master of School Administration Program. She indicated that there were additional courses being offered for the MSA Program. Further, she indicated that they were no longer
offering the ADD on Program for the MSA Program. The Summer Schedule will be revised.

Five (5) of the six (6) Masters degree Add On students have decided to enroll in the Masters Program. Eighteen Students need courses scheduled for the Summer.

Master of Science in Biology: Ms. Rose Hotchkiss made the report on behalf of Dr. Jeffrey Roush. She indicated that the science building was hot. They cannot fix the Research needs. Three Students attended the North Carolina Coastal Recreation/Preservation Outdoor Class room with ECS Middle School and ECSU.

Master of Science in Mathematics: Dr. Chandler indicated that there were three (3) students graduating: Mr. Kaiem Frink, Mrs. Pamela Destefano, and Mrs. Glenda Thomas. The Triad Conference in Math was attended in Winston Salem, NC. There are nineteen (19) Students in the Program. Of the ten (10) undergraduate students receiving the BS degree this Spring, seven (7) are interested in the Masters Program. We are having four (4) Math classes this Summer. With the curriculum changes, ED 630 is being offered for the last time during the First Summer Session from 5:00-9:00 pm. Three (3) courses are being offered in the Second Summer Session and four (4) Classes in the Fall Semester. The New Smart Board was provided by the HBCU Grant. A New Concentration in Teaching which is designed to serve Community College Teachers in Applied Math begins this Fall. This concentration will not require DPI approval because the courses are all in place.

Graduate Student Council: Mr. Carl Seward reported on the Graduate Student Council. He indicated that the GSC had provided an opportunity for students on Campus to see the Movie, “Waiting for Superman” and encouraged all in education to view the movie if possible. He indicated that through Dr. Shelia Williams, Coordinator of the U-Step Program, the GSC was going to be giving books to an Elementary School. The GSC is represented on the SGA Board.

Certificates of Appreciation: Dr. Viltz thanked the members of the Graduate Council and provided them their Certificates of Appreciation for their Portfolio.

Open Agenda: Graduate Council Members were invited to attend the Graduate Student Graduation Reception on May 5, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in room 107 of the K. E. White Graduate Center

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

FYI: The next Graduate Council Meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.