The Graduate Council met in the Achurch Room of Capers Hall on this date. Members in attendance were Dr. David Allen, Dr. Mark Bebensee, Dr. Nancy Bell, Dr. Harry Carter, Dr. John Carter, Dr. Charles Cleaver, Dr. Sheila Foster, Dr. Margaret Francel, Dr. Ken Henson, Dr. Julie Lipovsky, Dr. Dan Ouzts, and Dr. Robert Steed. Also present were ex-officio members Marcia Bonica, Sylvia Nesmith and Pat Ezell.

The minutes of the February 6, 2003 meeting were approved as distributed.

Dr. Carter asked for comments and endorsement of the draft statement “Principles Governing Graduate Education at The Citadel”. This statement was pulled from a statement from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. A motion to consider this draft statement was made by Dr. Cleaver and seconded by Dr. Foster. Discussion ensued and it was suggested that the title of the document be changed to “Academic Principles Governing Graduate Education at The Citadel.” This suggestion was approved.

Pat Ezell brought up the statement in the general section of the catalogue concerning the maximum course load for graduate students. Discussion followed with Council agreeing this statement should be removed from the general section of the graduate catalogue. Each academic department or school will state any additional requirements concerning maximum student course in their respective catalogue sections. Pat also brought up the language used in the statement concerning the thesis committee appointments. Currently the approval process includes the Associate Dean of the CGPS. She recommended that the approval come from the academic dean of the respective department upon recommendation from the program advisor and/or the department head. Council agreed. Also agreed upon by Council was the deletion of the section concerning the students planned program of study. Individual graduate programs that do not have online degree audits will indicate a program of study is or is not necessary under their respective school or departmental catalogue sections.

Dr. Ouzts brought before the Council a recommendation from the School of Education faculty that the time periods for evening graduate classes in education include 4:00p.m. classes in addition to the 6:45p.m. classes already offered. He cited a survey of education students, where approximately 55 percent of the 119 surveyed, indicated they would like 4:00p.m. classes. Discussion followed on the impact, if any, this would have on the other academic departments. Council voted and approved this recommendation with the understanding that classes will begin promptly at 4:00p.m. and 6:45p.m. and end promptly at 6:30p.m. and 9:30p.m. respectively.

Dr. Cleaver expressed concern over the current (2003-2004 catalogue) academic standard of dismissing a student from a program if the cumulative GPA falls below a 3.0 after earning the first twelve hours at The Citadel. He stated that the College of Charleston
allows a time frame in which the student can pull the cumulative GPA up to a 3.0. He would like to follow the same policy for consistency in the joint programs. Dr. Carter requested that Dr. Cleaver draft his concerns, in consultation with Pat Ezell, and present them to the Council via email. The focus of the draft should concentrate on The Citadel’s academic policy for a graduate student whose cumulative GPA falls below a 3.0. Pat Ezell reminded Council that this issue would need to be resolved immediately to make the deadline for the new catalogue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Ezell