The Graduate Council met in Bond Hall Room 333 on this date. Members in attendance were Dr. Donald Steven, Dr. Mark Bebensee, Dr. Kathy Brown, Dr. John Carter, Dr. Margaret Francel, Dr. Steven Hurd, Dr. Kathryn Richardson-Jones, and Dr. Bob Steed. Also in attendance were ex-officio members Ms. Marcia Bonica, Dr. Ray Jones, Dr. Spike Metts and Dr. Bill Woosley.

The minutes of the October 14th meeting were approved as distributed.

Dr. John Carter presented the first agenda item; information on a Sports Management concentration for the MBA program. It is modeled after the Pharm-D program that is currently available. It will require 36 hours of basic and advance business courses. There is a minimum of 15 hours of sports management courses that will be available with 6 hours devoted to an internship. The majority of the Sports Management courses are to be developed. One to two Sports Management courses will be taught each term. This is not being proposed as an accredited concentration.

Dr. Hurd showed concern over adjunct professors becoming permanent in new graduate programs. Dr. Steven assured the Council that if this program shows financial promise, full-time professors could be hired. Dr. Metts noted that under CHE requirements this program would not have to seek approval, only notification, if the hours are kept less than 18 hours. Dr. Francel questioned why this program required 51 hours, while other programs are 48 hours. Dr. Carter explained that the HESS department needs 15 hours of electives, as opposed to 12 hours. On the basis that a student takes an average of 6 classes per year, 3 years is the estimated time to graduate from this program. Dr. Steven wondered what department would govern this concentration. Dr. Bebensee stated that the primary advisor would come from the MBA program, with a second advisor from the HESS department. A formal statement on this matter is requested for the next discussion. Dr. Steven indicated that he would also like to see more information during the next discussion on the cycle of courses (possible low-cost cycles), faculty requirements, cost of the program and what revenues are projected.

Dr. Kathy Brown presented the second agenda item, information on an online MAT. Originally the South Carolina Transition to Teaching (T3) Coalition targeted military personnel, but has transferred its efforts towards mid-career changing professionals. This program allows qualified people located throughout the country, as well as overseas, to pursue an MAT degree online in the critical need areas of English/Language Arts, Science, and Math. After completion of the 15 out of 36 credits online, the professional will move to South Carolina and finish the program at one of the partner institutions: The Citadel, University of South Carolina, Clemson University or South Carolina State University. The programs admission requirements include a minimum of 5 years professional experience and an extensive transcript analysis process in which candidates must hold Bachelor's degree or equivalent major in the content area, a minimum of 30 hours in the discipline, and must pass the PRAXIS II content area they are pursuing.