Graduate Council met in Bond Hall room 295 on this date. Members in attendance were Dr. Donald Steven, Dr. David Allen, Dr. Jennifer Altieri, Dr. Mark Bebensee, Dr. Kathy Brown, Dr. John Carter, Dr. Margaret Francel, Dr. Kathy Grenier. Ex-officio members Ms. Marcia Bonica, Dr. Harry Davakos, Dr. Ray Jones and Ms. Sylvia Nesmith and Mr. Ryan Treat.

The minutes of the January 19, 2006 meeting were approved as distributed. Dr. Davokos noted the date on the third subject on the agenda was wrong. It read: Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2005. Should read: Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2006.

Dr. Grenier presented the first agenda item concerning the redefinition of HIST 692 “Teaching of History and Social Sciences”. The new course name will be “Teaching Major Fields of History” and will operate under the same course number. She stated that the new course would be more of a content based course rather than a methodology course. This will give students a better foundation of the topics that they will be teaching. The course will operate as a special topics course focusing on either U.S. History, World History and Western Civilization. Dr. Francel noted that she was under the impression that methods course is required and asked whether this requirement would be met elsewhere. Dr. Grenier responded that a methods course was never taught through the History department and that they were asked to redefine this course by Dr. Richardson-Jones. Dr. Bebensee inquired as to whether it would be better to have three different courses rather than offer the three disciplines (Western Civilization and U.S. and World History) at varying times. Dr. Grenier stated that this course was to operate as a special topics course. Ms. Nesmith then noted that the course title would have to change if it were to function as a special topics course. Dr. Steven then suggested this item be tabled until the next Graduate Council meeting where at that time, the questions raised by Dr. Francel can be addressed. Dr. Jones then noted that it would be beneficial to have someone from the Education department address the Graduate Council as to the SRA’s for the different MAT programs.

Dr. Jones then introduced Ryan Treat, President of the CGPS Student Government Association, to the council. Ryan thanked the council for the invitation to join the council as an ex-officio member. He noted that a primary concern among graduate students has been the lack of communication between themselves and the Citadel administration. The SGA hopes that student concerns will be more effectively communicated with this seat on the council. Dr. Steven welcomed Ryan to the committee as well as inviting him to propose agenda items for subsequent Graduate Council meetings.

Dr. Allen inquired as to the results of the recent CGPS student survey. Dr. Jones will present these finding at the next Graduate Council meeting scheduled for March 16, 2006.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Ray Jones