Members Present:

Members Absent:

Guests:

I. Minutes of February 5, 2009

II. Old Business

1. Issue of printing thesis/research papers back to back rather than on only one side of the page. Erika Bailey-Johnson contacted Joan concerning this issue.

2. Graduate Mini-Grants...disbursement of funds if applicants do not meet the minimum criteria
   a. There are four Mini-grant apps to consider at the meeting.

3. Proposed changes to Master of Special Education
   a. Special Ed faculty are working on a proposal and will bring it in when they are finished.

4. Proposed Changes to Forms 3 and 5 for the MS programs.
   a. Still working on this. See Patrick Welle's proposed language:
      "While I remain skeptical that we can devise a constructive and effective way of preempting Orals for candidates who are not prepared, I offer the wording below to soften the concerns that have been expressed and perhaps be more palatable to prospective grad. reps. and faculty Senators." Pat Welle

   The Graduate Representative has the prerogative to refer a paper that raise concerns about the preparedness of the student for Oral Exams to a member of the Graduate Committee. If after reviewing the paper the Graduate Committee doubts the author's readiness, the Graduate Committee in conjunction with the School of Graduate Studies can postpone the Oral Exam as long as the student and Thesis Committee are notified no less than one week prior to the scheduled date of the Oral Exam.

II. New Business:

1. New grad course proposal from Psychology, prepared by Richard Hook. Hal raised a number of questions about the course that need to be considered during the meeting. Each member received a copy of the proposal. Please bring it to the meeting.
2. Discussion of Deborah Yates' petition for a time extension to complete her graduate degree. Hal has asked that this item be included on the agenda and that Joan make copies for us to consider.