I. Call to Order at 4:56pm

II. Welcoming Remarks from the Chair of Graduate Faculty Assembly  
   Sue Lyman  
   Announced her retirement in May, 2014 to applause from the assembly.  
   Dr. Lyman thanked Brad Witzel and Ian Pearson for fulfilling duties of secretary as well as  
   Malayka Klimchak for performing as parliamentarian

II. Approval of minutes of the Graduate Faculty Assembly from March 7, 2014  
   Minutes for March 7th meeting at the bottom of this agenda.  
   Approved and passed.

IV. Report from the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs  
   Debra Boyd  
   Given the length of her report to Faculty Conference, Dr. Boyd did not offer additional  
   comments to the Graduate Faculty Assembly.

V. Report from the Graduate Council  
   Melissa Carsten  
   Filling in for Dr. Jordan, Dr. Carsten announced new members of graduate faculty and  
   fourteen course actions. None of these actions required GFA voting.

Dr. Carsten presented four program actions that required GFA action:

Motion from Graduate Council to approve three program modifications and one new program

New CERT-ARTA  
   Graduate Certificate in Arts Administration  
   No discussion and the motion passed

Modify MBA-BADM-HRMG  
   MBA-Human Resource Management Concentration  
   No discussion and the motion passed

Modify MED-CURI  
   MED CURI (ECED, ELEM, SCED, ED TECH, and  
   Teaching and Learning Specialization)  
   No discussion and the motion passed

Modify MFA-ARTD  
   MFA in Studio Art  
   There was a discussion about dropping the design term. There was also a discussion  
   about the broadening of the program. Provost Boyd reminded everyone that the proposal  
   is for a title change. There was question about the justification presented.  
   Motion passed.

Election of New GFA Chair  
   No nominations were brought from the floor.

Election of GFA representative to the University Curriculum committee  
   No nominations were brought from the floor.
Ballots were delivered during the assembly. Voting is held open until Tuesday at 5pm at the Graduate School.

VII. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. DeRochi thanked Sue Lyman for her excellent work.

In his report, he conveyed that the Graduate Alumni reception in Ballantyne was a success, and that there will be more events like this in the future. It is important for all programs to encourage their alumni to stay connected.

Graduate celebration will be held before graduation, Tuesday, May 6.

DeRochi Acknowledged Gerry Derksen, Jim Schultz, Hal Manasa, Brooke Stanley, and Sarah Spring for their grant work on “My Money Matters” website. This website includes excellent information with several tutorials that is managed by the students and can help with graduate students and student life. He encouraged us to visit the site. There are widgets built in that can be used to help with tax calculations.

The website was demonstrated to the delight of the faculty.

Three graduate certificates were approved. He encouraged faculty to continue building certificate programs and innovating existing programs.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Decision on meeting times for GFA

She proposed that GFA be held during a common time for a year which will provide data on attendance.

One objection was concerning that common times are already filled with departmental meetings.

Another faculty member said that these dates are decided well in advance and departments could adjust to these meetings. The common times had criteria that have not been upheld. Thursdays were prioritized to departments.

Timing is based on the Board of Trustees meetings. GFA could meet at 1pm before Faculty Conference, while another faculty member noted that Fridays may be difficult because of the multiple university meetings. GFA must consider curriculum meeting times.

Motion - Michael Lipscomb moved that we charge the GFA chair to work with Academic Affairs to pilot a new meeting schedule for next year.

Discussion of the motion ensued.

Motion passed.

IX. New Business

X. Announcements
XI. Adjournment at 5:31pm