Members present: Reid Linn (Graduate School), Melissa Aleman (Communication and Advocacy), Pamela Bailey (Physician Assistant Studies), Michael Busing (Business Administration), David Dillard (History), Natasha DuMerville (grad student rep), Tammy Gilligan (School Psychology), Janet Gloeckner (Health Sciences- Dietetics), Teresa Gonzalez (Academic Affairs), Michael Hall (Psychological Sciences), Hossain Heydari (Computer Science), Dani Bronaugh (Exceptional Education), Jeff Loveland (Occupational Therapy), Ayasakanta Rout (Communication Sciences and Disorders), John Scherpereel (Political Science EUPS), Mary Jean Speare (Music), Karin Tollefson (Art and Art History), Cole Welter (Art and Art History)

Guests present: Provost Jerry Benson (Academic Affairs), Rick Mathieu (COB), Janet Smith (Public Relations), Rhonda Zingraff (CHBS)

Graduate programs not represented: Accounting, Adult Ed/HRD, Assessment & Measurement, Biology, CSPA, Clinical and School Psychology, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Counseling & Supervision, Education, English, Kinesiology, ISAT, Mathematics Education, Nursing, Public Administration, School Counseling, Strategic Leadership, WRTC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 11, 2013, meeting, were approved by acclamation with no revisions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Melissa Alemán was introduced as the new Associate Dean of The Graduate School
• New Graduate Student Orientation: Monday, August 19, 2013, 9:00 – noon, HHS 1302

PRESENTATIONS

• The Growth of Graduate Education at JMU (Reid)
  Reid gave a state of graduate education presentation highlighting the key developments in graduate education since its inception in 1954. Content included application and enrollment growth, degrees awarded, nationally recognized graduate programs, the development of the graduate community on campus, graduate application and tuition revenue, recent graduate profiles. The PowerPoint presentation accompanies the minutes of the retreat.

• Looking to the Future (Reid)
  Reid provided an overview and update on the Madison Future Commission Strategic Planning process with an emphasis on the Academic Committee’s work. The Academics Committee is co-chaired by Reid and Teresa Gonzalez. This presentation ended by noting key future dates for The Graduate School/Graduate Education at JMU: Self-Study for Graduate Education (fall 2014), Graduate School Academic Program Review (spring 2015), and the development of a visionary and galvanizing Strategic Plan for Graduate Education (2016).
CULMINATING SMALL/LARGE GROUP ACTIVITIES
Participants were organized into small groups to discuss and identify key issues that should be addressed in moving toward the 2014 Self-Study. Consideration was given to the developing core qualities for academics and pinpointing aspirational goals. Notes from the small and large group discussions will be used to inform council activities undertaken during 2013-2014.

2013-2014 Meeting Dates 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.:  
Thursday, September 12, 2013 – Taylor 404  
Thursday, October 10, 2013 – Taylor 404  
Thursday, November 14, 2013 – Taylor 404  
(No December meeting)  
Thursday, January 16, 2014 – Taylor 404  
Thursday, February 13, 2014 – Taylor 404  
(No March meeting)  
Thursday, April 10, 2014 – Taylor 306

Retreat: Friday, May 16, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – noon – Montpelier Room, East Campus Dining Hall