1. Dr. John Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:35 in Room 611 Allen.

2. May 17, 2002 and August 23, 2002 minutes were adopted. There was one correction to the August 23, 2002 minutes. Item #5, second paragraph should read, "Dr. Rent discussed proposed AOP 11.12 - Guidelines for Certificate Programs."

3. There was no report from the University Committee on Courses and Curricula (UCCC).

4. Dr. William Person gave the report from the Office of Graduate Studies.
   a. Distributed and discussed Comparative Enrollment Graduate Data, Fall 2001 and 2002 (based on tenth-day class report). The decrease for graduate enrollment for this semester is the first decrease since 1991. This information is being circulated to Graduate Coordinators, Academic Deans and the Office of the Provost.
   b. Distributed and discussed information on the ITA and GTA Workshops. There were 219 participants in the GTA Workshop. Of this number, 180 passed and 39 failed. Ninety-five students participated in the ITA Workshop. Of this number, 69 passed and 26 failed. Most of those who failed are enrolled in the remedial course this fall in the ESL Center.
   c. Planning for AGEM Winter Scholars Symposium. The symposium will be hosted by MSU, January 23-25, 2003. Graduate Council members are invited to participate. The date of the January 2003 Graduate Council Meeting has been changed to January 17 in order to allow participation in the symposium.
   d. The Office of Graduate Studies is currently preparing a McNair proposal for submission. GAANN proposals are also being prepared in the areas of Mathematics and Engineering.
   e. Expressed appreciation to the three subcommittees that reviewed appeals of academic status.

5. Dr. Michele Williams reported the following activities for the Graduate Student Association (GSA).
   a. Noted the good support received from the Office of Graduate Studies.
   b. GSA has received $7,500 in support from the Student Association. Possible plans for use of the funds include increasing travel support for graduate students and joining the National Professional and Graduate Student Association.
   c. Student participation in GSA is low. Requested assistance from the Graduate Council in increasing student participation. Dr. Person asked Graduate Council members to encourage student participation.
d. The September 10 GSA meeting featured a presentation regarding the Sigma Xi Honorary Society. Only six non-officer GSA members attended the meeting.

e. The next GSA meeting will be October 8, 5:00 p.m., Allen 11; a speaker has not been finalized.

6. As an item of old business, a subcommittee comprised of Drs. Tom Hosie, Greg Dunaway and Dwayne Wise are reviewing penalties for academic dishonesty by graduate students. The committee will present a report at the October 25 meeting.

7. Items of new business included:

   a. At the request of Dr. Bob Taylor, Associate Dean of the College of Engineering, the Council reviewed and discussed the 3.0 GPA requirement, as listed in the Graduate Bulletin, Item #11 Grades (p. 35) and Item #13 Degree Completion (p. 35).

      Under Item #11, a student could receive grades of "C" and under Item #13, not count those "Cs" toward graduate programs and still graduate. This was an issue with an engineering student.

      The Council also discussed allowing students to pick courses from a previous program for use toward a new program.

      Dr. Boyle will review the 3.0 GPA requirement and make suggested modifications for review by the Graduate Council at the October 25 meeting.

   b. Also at the request of Dr. Bob Taylor, the Council reviewed and discussed the amount of course work taken at MSU in order to satisfy the residency requirement for the Ph.D. (Graduate Bulletin, Residence Requirement, p. 55).

      Dr. Boyle will review the residency requirement and make suggested modifications for review by the Council on October 25.

   c. At the request of Dr. George Rent, the Council reviewed AOP11.12 - Guidelines for Certificate Programs (distributed August 23, 2002 Graduate Council meeting). Per Dr. Boyle, a modification is needed in the last paragraph, Developing a Certificate Program. The last sentence should read, "Once a program is approved by the University Committee on Courses and Curricula, the Provost, and the Graduate Council, if appropriate, it will appear in all forthcoming University bulletins."

   d. A motion was made by Dr. Schultz and seconded by Dr. Hosie to modify the sentence accordingly. There was no opposition to the modification.

   e. In the way of discussion, Dr. Boyle noted that some faculty members have notified him that it is becoming difficult to get international students into this country. This issue will be discussed at the next Graduate Council meeting. Ms. Diane Wolfe noted that additional countries will be having extreme difficulty in placing students here.

   f. Per Dr. Boyle, the Task Force on Tuition Waivers has met. Information regarding waivers will be forthcoming. The IHL is concerned about the number of tuition waivers issued.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.