Present: Dean William F. Tate, Committee Chair; Patricia Olynyk, Art; Estelle Rochman, Brown School; Ed Borbely, Engineering; Nisha Iyer, Arts & Sciences; Elizabeth Walsh, Law; Lisa Monscoso, Medicine; Joseph Fox, Olin Business School; Amanda Holmes, Brown School; Jonathan Berger, Art; Ally Melvin, GPC President, ex officio; Rene Morency, Law; Rina Amatya, Medicine; Ruicong Tang, Architecture; Jennifer Wilson, Olin Business School; Mary Campbell, Real Estate, ex officio; Diana Mitchell, GSAS, ex officio; Sheri Notaro, GSAS, ex officio; Nancy Pope, GSAS, ex officio; Ashley Macrander and Avik Som, Graduate Student Representatives to Trustees, ex officio.

The meeting was called to order by Dean William F. Tate, Committee Chair, on April 4, 2016, at 3:02 p.m., in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Conference Room, Cupples II 221. Dean Tate welcomed everyone and invited them to introduce themselves.

The committee considered and approved the minutes of the February 14 meeting of the Professional and Graduate Student Coordinating Committee.

Report of the Committee Chair
Dean Tate reported that the housing survey for graduate and professional students was complete with a very high participation. The results of this report show strong interest in cross-specialty housing, particularly from international students. The housing committee will continue with planning through the summer.

Nancy Stout recommended allowing one graduate or professional student to speaker at commencement as a complement to the undergraduate speaker. This student may be a graduating Representative to the Board of Trustees or an elected leader.

Report of the Graduate Professional Council President
Ally Melvin reported that GPC held Party with a Purpose and collected donations, as well as a successful networking event. Elections for GPC leadership would occur later this evening. New committee structure with 16 positions for representatives has been approved. These positions will coordinate with groups and administrative offices across campus. The Strategic Action Plan will be approved and

GPC conditionally approved a new student group, the St. Louis Neuroscience Outreach Consortium, for the remainder of the academic year. They will seek full approval next year. The Monthly Spotlight will highlight one peer-nominated group or individual per month during GPC meetings.

Report of the Graduate Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees
Avik Som and Ashley Macrander presented their report to the Board of Trustees and sought feedback. The report, entitled The Repurposed PhD, compared Washington University’s career support for PhD students to peer institutions. It concluded that long-term career goals need to be conceptualized earlier in the graduate program and recommended a centralized, interdisciplinary career center.

The committee offered the following feedback: The comparison to other schools was very strong. The length of the presentation must be under 10 minutes and the certain slides needed shortening. An objective slide is needed. Dean Tate will send a timeline for inclusion in the presentation.
In the ensuing discussion, two major points were highlighted. First, this research does not apply to professional students. Second, there is a need to follow up on graduate student careers and understanding how many are not following traditional routes.

**Report on Off-Campus Housing**

Mary Campbell reported the results of the housing survey. Key points included interest primarily from international and first year students, with a focus on proximity to university and ease of transportation. In addition, students desire monthly programs for social engagement. Further analysis according to school and program is needed, as is a robust referral service.

**Recommendations for Agenda 2016-2017**

The committee discussed mental health and wellness for next year’s agenda. Mental health services are currently focused on undergraduate concerns and not appropriate for graduate student referrals. For physical well-being, there are concerns that graduate students avoid the South 40 or will avoid the new gym because of the presence of undergraduates, who may be students in classes taught by graduate students. Alternatives include gym space and workout classes exclusive for graduate students.

A second recommendation was inclusion and diversity. However, ProGradS currently has a representative to the Center for Diversity and Inclusion.

**New Business**

The Board of Trustees will select 2 representatives on April 12th. Since the meetings were confidential, the committee cannot give feedback to the candidates. However, the current board representatives are welcome to share their personal experiences with the candidates.

Dean Tate adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.