PRESENT: Matt Bice, Sharon Campbell, Haishi Cao, Bree Dority, Mark Ellis, Dena Harshbarger, David Hof, Chuck Rowling, Janet Steele, Jeanne Stolzer, Marguerite Tassi, Mallory Wetherell, Ron Wirtz, and Shaun Mewes

ABSENT: John Bauer, Bruce Elder, and Miechelle McKelvey

I. Approval of the July 25, 2017 Minutes – approved via email

II. Graduate Dean’s Report

A. New Members and Student Members.
   Dr. Taylor welcomed new members (Bree Dority, Dena Harshbarger, and Haishi Cao) and re-elected member (Marguerite Tassi). Shawn Mewes has agreed to serve another year as student representative. Dr. Taylor introduced Matt Bice as the EGC and At-Large Representative replacing David Palmer.

B. New Frontiers Reception – October 26, 4-6 pm at the Health Science Education Complex Atrium.
   Dr. Taylor encouraged everyone to attend the reception.

C. Growth in Graduate Numbers and Online.
   Dr. Taylor reported that we currently have the highest enrollment of graduate students (1,801) in UNK’s history. She also informed the council of the approval of the Public History Certificate, a joint Educational Administration doctoral degree with UNL, as well as the Masters of Athletic Training degree, which is the first new master’s program since we joined the UN system. New programs soon to be submitted are the Masters of Public Communication (inter-disciplinary online program) and the Master of Long-Term Care Administration.

D. Committee Assignments.
   Dr. Taylor provided a brief overview of each committee’s responsibilities. At the conclusion of the meeting, members selected which committee to serve on for the year and chose a chair.

III. Committee Reports

A. Policy & Planning Committee – no report.

B. Academic Programs Committee – no report.

C. Faculty & Student Affairs Committee – no report.

IV. Other Business

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Janna Shanno, Recording Secretary