The UNL Graduate Council convened at 3:35 p.m. in Room 212 in the Nebraska City Union. Present were: Professors Christina Falci, Rhonda Fuelberth, Laurie Thomas Lee, Clinton Rowe, Melanie Simpson; graduate student representative: Curtis Walker; Ex-officio members: Dean Lance Pérez and Associate Dean Laurie Bellows; and Jane Schneider, Office of Graduate Studies. Members absent: Professors Ted Hamann, Shannon Bartelt-Hunt, David Smith; and graduate student representative: Greg DeGirolamo. Dean Lance Pérez presided.

Approval of November 12, 2015 Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:
Laurie Bellows mentioned that the Graduate Student Research Fair and the Awards lunch for Outstanding GTA, GRA and Dean’s Award would be held on April 12.

GSA Report
Curtis Walker reported on current GSA activities.
- Ignacio Correas will be the GSA President for the 16-17 academic year.
- ASUN senate approved the GSA request for part of the Fund A student fees in the amount of $24,500 for professional development and networking activities.

Approval of New Graduate Specialization in Textile Science
A motion was made and seconded to approve a specialization in Textile Science for the M.S. in Textiles, Merchandising and Fashion Design. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of New Graduate Specialization in Textile Science
A motion was made and seconded to approve a specialization in Textile Science for the Ph.D. in Human Sciences. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of New Graduate Specialization in World Language Teaching: GOLDEN
A motion was made and seconded to approve a specialization in World Language Teaching: GOLDEN for the M.A. in Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of New Graduate Certificate in World Language Teaching: GOLDEN
A motion was made and seconded to approve a graduate certificate in World Language Teaching: GOLDEN from Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education. Motion passed unanimously.

Other
The last second semester meeting will be held 3:30 p.m., 206 Seaton Hall:
- Thursday, April 14

Executive Session
The Graduate Council went into an Executive Session to consider a student appeal.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.