1. Agenda item number one (1) – Call to order Dean Holsinger called to order the regular meeting of the EC-GFC of October 28, 2015 at 3:04.

2. Agenda item number two (2) – Introductions of guests were made: Kyle Baumbauer, Robert Bird, Mark Boyer, Afshin Ghiaei, James Green, Adam Rabinowitz, Del Siegle and John Volin.

3. Agenda item number three (3) – Presented for consideration and voting – Approval of the minutes. Dean Holsinger introduced the minutes of the September 30, 2015 meeting of the EC-GFC. There was a motion offered, which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. 

   Agenda item number three (3) was passed without dissent on a voice vote.

4. Agenda item number four (4) – Presented for consideration and voting by James Green – (Modified) Change M.A. in Psychological Sciences (and all sub-areas of concentration) to M.S. in Psychological Sciences. Proposed change from M.A to M.S. will not change curriculum. After a brief discussion, Charles offered a motion, which was seconded by Maria-Luz, and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. Motion included change in name of Ph.D. Field of study to Psychological Sciences. 

   Agenda item number four (4) was passed without dissent on a voice vote.

5. Agenda item number five (5) – Presented for consideration and voting by Del Siegle – (Name Change) from Gifted and Talented Education to Giftedness, Creativity, and Talent Development. After a brief discussion, Charles offered a motion, which was seconded by Jane, and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. 

   Agenda item number five (5) was passed without dissent on a voice vote.

6. Agenda item number six (6) – Presented for consideration and voting by Adam Rabinowitz – (Name Change) From Agricultural and Resource Economics to Applied and Resource Economics. After a discussion, Charles offered a motion, which was seconded by Mitch, and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. 

   Agenda item number six (6) was passed conditional upon Economics offered by CLAS, not the Business Department. Dean Holsinger will check with the Business School.

7. Agenda item number seven (7) – Presented for consideration and voting by Robert Bird – (New Certificate) Graduate Certificate Program in Corporate and Regulatory Compliance. After a brief discussion, Maria-Luz made a motion, which was seconded by Richard, and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. 

   Agenda item number seven (7) was passed without dissent on a voice vote.

8. Agenda item number eight (8) – Presented for consideration and voting by Kyle Baumbauer – (New) Pain Management Certificate. After a brief discussion, Charles made a motion, which was seconded by Richard, and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. 

   Agenda item number eight (8) was passed without dissent on a voice vote.
9. **Agenda item number nine (9) – Presented for consideration and voting by Afshin Ghiaei – (New) Power Engineering Certificate.** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Charles, which was seconded by Mitch, and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. **Agenda item number nine (9) was passed without dissent on a voice vote.**

10. **Agenda item number ten (10) – Presented for consideration and voting – (New) Master’s Degree in Energy and Environmental Management (MEEM).** After a brief discussion, Etan made a motion, which was seconded by Richard, and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. **Agenda item number ten (10) was passed without dissent on a voice vote.**

11. **Agenda item number eleven (11) – New Business, Updates and Announcements.** Dean Holsinger headed up a lively discussion regarding the Doctoral Dissertation Travel Award. Some of the highlights, as outlined by Etan Markus, are as follows:

    **Budget – 350k**

    **Criteria:**

    - Only advanced students with 30+ credits
    - Must be the primary/presenting author
    - Must be at a “higher level” conference (regional/national/international professional conference)

    **Benefits for UCONN:**

    Graduate students presenting their research/product are ambassadors for UCONN and increase our exposure and name recognition

    - Influences grant panel members
    - Affects the university ranking (e.g. US News & World Report rankings)
    - Increases collaboration between institutes

    **Benefits for Student:**

    Important tool for job placement

    - Resume builder
    - Opportunity for serious networking (based on product presentation)
    - Provides experience in presenting
    - Increases collaboration between institutions

12. There was a motion offered for adjournment, which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 with 10 members and 8 guests in attendance.

13. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 2, 2015 in the Giolas Conference Room.**