Approval of the Minutes
The minutes of the September 15, 2009 meeting were approved.

Program Proposal: Ph.D. in Behavioral and Community Health Sciences from the Graduate School of Public Health
The purpose of the proposed Ph.D. program is to provide doctoral-level training to prepare students to conduct research and to teach in the social and behavioral science areas of public health in academic settings.

Program Modification: Dr.P.H. in Behavioral and Community Health Sciences from the Graduate School of Public Health
The modifications to the existing Dr.P.H. program were designed to address recently developed core competencies for Dr.P.H. degrees from the Association of Schools of Public Health. These competencies represent a national discussion by professionals undertaken between 2007 and 2009. These changes are designed to better prepare students for positions of leadership in the social and behavior science areas of public health practice at the local, state, and federal levels of government.

Patricia Documét, Kenneth Jaros, and Jeanette Trauth presented both proposals and answered questions from Council members on the distinguishing features of the two degree programs, on the necessity of post-doctoral training, on the teaching opportunities available for Ph.D. students, and on the admissions requirements for each degree program.

Council discussed both proposed programs. Members decided not to vote on the proposals and requested that additional information be submitted that describes:

- when and how Ph.D. and Dr.P.H. students will develop research skills through mentored research with a faculty member;
- when and how Ph.D. students will be matched to mentors; and
- how a student could complete a Ph.D. degree, including the research components, as part-time students.

Additionally, several members of Council wanted to know how the proposal to have both
a Ph.D. and Dr.P.H. in Behavioral and Community Health fits into the School’s vision for its offerings of doctoral degrees and if the School considering having a school-based Dr.P.H.

**Presentation by Cynthia Golden, Director, and Holly Shiflett, Associate Director, University’s Center for Instructional Development and Distance Learning**  
Tabled. The speakers will be invited to a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The next meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2009.