Following are items on which assistance/input from the Graduate Committee is requested:

- Provide advice on recipient of the Sepich Scholarship, as required by donor agreement.

- During the summer, the department heads met with representatives of Ag Econ to review the agribusiness specialization in the MBA program. (see attached meeting notes) This option includes a thesis.
  - Review the proposed description of the thesis option, the composition of the thesis committee, and help develop a plan for regular communication between the Graduate Committee and Ag Econ. Allen Torrell committed to draft something for the catalog concerning the thesis option.
  - Make a recommendation to the faculty and CEC concerning these issues.

- Review the joint BS Engineering/MBA and make recommendations concerning recruitment into the program.

- Provide recommendations to the faculty and CEC concerning the thesis option for the MBA.
  - Who should approve whether an MBA student completes the thesis option rather than the BA 590?
  - Should the thesis option be available to any MBA student who identifies a faculty member willing to supervise the project?
  - What guidelines should be provided to faculty supervising a thesis in the MBA program?

- Make recommendations to the faculty in support of continuous improvement of the MBA curriculum based on the assessment of student learning in MBA courses.

- Review the MBA Oral Exam Process (as revised by department heads in the summer) and suggest changes, if needed.

- Discuss assessment issues related to the agribusiness specialization

- Dean Carruthers would like the committee to consider a definition for plagiarism (See Rice University for an example)

- Consider transfer credit proposal from Department Heads: Recommendation that up to 18 credits (university maximum) may be considered for transfer from AACSB-accredited programs if the student earned grades of “B” or better; up to 9 credits may be considered from other schools with the burden of proof being placed on the student.