**Graduate Programs Committee**

**End-of-Year Report to the Academic Senate**

**2012-2013**

During the 2012-2013 academic year the Graduate Programs Committee met seven times in full meeting. The faculty, policy, and curriculum subcommittees reviewed proposals throughout the year and prepared recommendations for the full committee. This method of operation has proved to be very efficient and effective. We took action on the items below. In most cases, the items listed were sent to the Academic Senate as recommendations for final action.

1. We recommended graduate faculty status approval:

25 faculty for Level 3 status

19 faculty for Level 2 status

33 faculty for Level 1 status

The Graduate Programs Committee reviews the credentials of individuals who have been nominated for appointment to the Graduate Faculty and makes recommendations for their appointment as graduate faculty to the Senate.

1. Recommended that Excellence in Education scholarships be limited to two awards to an individual graduate student.
2. Recommended changes to the Biology department’s admissions requirements for the M.S. in Biology program and creation of a formal mission for the Biology Graduate program.
3. Recommended Minor revisions to MS degree in Experimental Psychology.
4. Recommend the clarification of the Research in Progress grade policy.
5. Recommended approval of the Psychology – Training, Development, & Human Performance Program Changes.
6. Recommended of the Masters in Criminal Justice proposal.
7. Recommended the approval of GC 465 Hydrology for graduate credit.
8. The committee recommended 35 Excellence in Education Awards this year from 49 applications.
9. We are pleased to announce that the Graduate Students Association had two representatives on our committee this year, first Aaron Elam and then Cory Cole. The GSA has been very active, raising a number of issues for the committee’s consideration and conducting a variety of activities to benefit graduate students.