**Graduate Programs Committee**

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

**2013-2014**

During the 2013-2014 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 all cases, the items listed were sent to the Academic Senate as recommendations for final action.

1. We recommended graduate faculty status approval:

46 faculty for Level 3 status

21 faculty for Level 2 status

17 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 CS 495 Databases for Scientists be given graduate credit status.
2. Recommended change in MPA course designations from PS to PA.
3. Recommended the Biology Department request to offer BI 420 for graduate credit.
4. Recommended a request by the Economics Department to drop EC 401 and EC 402 from graduate credit.
5. Recommended a request for minor changes in MPA program.
6. Recommended the Department of Education, Leadership and Public Service proposal for changes to its Master of Arts in Education-Learning Disabilities program.
7. Recommended the Department of Education, Leadership and Public Service proposal for the Master of Higher Education in Student Affairs along with the new courses ED 516 Introduction to Student Affairs, ED 531 College Student Development, ED 548B Internship in Higher Education.
8. Recommended the new Master of Science in Postsecondary Biology Education-MSPBE along with the new courses BI 594 Methods in Biological Research, ED 531 College Student Development, and ED 548A Internship in College Teaching.
9. Recommended the new Master of Science in Clinical Molecular Genetics along with the new courses CLS 520 Principles of Clinical Molecular Diagnostics, CLS 526 Clinical Molecular Diagnostic Techniques, CLS 536 Clinical Genetics, CLS 541 Clinical Applications of Genomic Medicine, CLS 543 Molecular Diagnostics in Identity Testing, CLS 544 Molecular Diagnosis of Infectious Disease, CLS 560 Biomedical Laboratory Operations, CLS 563 Research Design and Methods, CLS 570 Method Verification and Validation in Molecular Diagnostics, CLS 580 Project in Molecular Genetics, CLS 599 Thesis in Clinical Molecular Genetics.
10. Recommended the curriculum revision proposal for the Master’s of Business Administration.
11. Recommended the curriculum revision proposal for the Public Administration (MPA) - Thesis Option and Public Administration (MPA) - Portfolio Option.
12. Recommended the Master of Science in Psychology: Applied Behavior Analysis.
13. The committee recommended 35 Excellence in Education Awards this year from 43 applications.
14. We are pleased to announce that the Graduate Students Association representative on our committee this year, Laurel Hill, served her duties well. 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.