Graduate Programs Committee

**Minutes of December 8, 2016**

LRC 311

2:30- 4:00 PM

Present: K. Galbreath, M. Romero, M. Vroman, R. Jensen, F. McCormick,

M. Vroman, L. Eckert, Russ Prather,

Absent: M. Strahan, Ross Broughton (GSA Student)

1. Approval of Agenda – Eckert/Jensen - **Approved**
2. Approval of Minutes – November 10, 2016 – Jensen/McCormick – **Approved with edits**
3. Interim Assistant Provost’s for Graduate Education and Research Report – R. Winn reported an announcement about the interim Assistant Provost’s position will be sent to faculty within one week. R. Winn will begin serving as the Dean of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences during the winter (2017) semester.
4. Chair’s Report – No report.
5. Graduate Student Association Report – No report (absent).
6. GPC Sub-Committee Business
   1. Course and Programs (Members 2016 – 2017; M. Strahan, R. Broughton, K. Galbreath)
7. Revisit MPA program changes – **Approved** - Jensen/Eckert - GPC was asked in November by the Academic Senate to revisit the Master’s in Public Administration (MPA) program changes. The primary concern from the Senate was in relation to the doubling of course credits without subsequent development of new courses (with new numbers). In November, GPC reviewed the proposal and provided suggestions for editorial and substantive changes. After review of the revised proposal, GPC members agreed that all prior concerns had been addressed including:
   * Previous two credit courses that had been converted to four credit courses, were removed from the curriculum and newly developed four credit courses were added to the curriculum. Course outlines for the new courses were provided to GPC. In addition, all editorial errors were corrected.
8. Nursing program revision – Prather/Vroman – **Approved** - The GPC reviewed a program modification proposal and request from the School of Nursing to drop required elective courses from the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. The current program requires the completion of 5 credits of elective courses to meet degree requirements for graduation. The removal of elective courses will decrease the total number of credits in the post-baccalaureate track from 77 to 72 and the post-masters track from 50 to 45 credits. The modification will allow the post-baccalaureate track of the program to be completed in 4 years instead of 4 years and one semester. The program change will be effective, beginning fall semester, 2018.
   1. Faculty (Members 2016 - 2017: L. Eckert, M. Romero, R. Prather)
      1. Graduate Faculty Applications – Galbreath/Eckert– **Approved**

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| Camlibel | Durmus | Criminal Justice | 1 | 3 | 8/1/2016 | 8/1/2019 |
| Hoberg | Eric | Biology | 1 | 3 | 8/1/2016 | 8/1/2019 |
| Isaacson | Heather | CLS | 1 | 3 | 8/1/2016 | 8/1/2019 |

1. Graduate Faculty Status Application – GPC members discussed possibilities for additional items for the Graduate Faculty Status Application. Items that were discussed, include a checkbox-type listing of terminal degrees. When completing the application, the individual will be required to check the appropriate degree box. If the candidate does not have a terminal degree, the department head should provide an explanation in the letter of support indicating why the candidate is eligible for graduate faculty status. The faculty subcommittee will add these items to the application and the document will be reviewed at the February GPC meeting.
2. Policy (Members 2016 – 2017: M. Vroman, F. McCormick, R. Jensen)
3. GPC Bylaws revision – committee membership – **Tabled**

Adjourned 3:31 pm – Galbreath/Jensen

Respectfully submitted by

Melissa Romero, GPC Secretary