Graduate Programs Committee

**Minutes of March 10, 2016**

LRC 311

3:30 - 5:00 PM

Present: M. Romero, K. Galbreath, J. Suksi, B. Bergh, M. Strahan, J. Howard, M. Vroman, R. Jensen, F. McCormick, : Brandon Kwak (GSA student), T. J. Aiyash (ASNMU student)

Absent: None

1. Approval of Agenda – Suksi/Strahan - **Approved**
2. Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2016 – Strahan/Suksi – **Approved with edit**
3. Assistant Provost’s Report (Robert Winn) – No report.
4. Chair’s Report (Kurt Galbreath) – K. Galbreath attended two Executive Senate meetings to discuss GPC’s proposed policy for revoking graduate faculty status. Kurt reported that a number of questions were raised at these meetings and the Senate committee remains uncomfortable with ambiguity surrounding the identification of specific criteria that could be used to revoke graduate faculty status. The Executive committee raised the question of whether graduate faculty status should continue to be required for faculty who intend to teach graduate courses but ultimately, the Executive committee, in discussion with Assistant Provost, Rob Winn, concluded that graduate faculty status should be retained and that revocation of this status is unnecessary. GPC members discussed this proposal by the Executive committee and agreed that we will continue with the process of reviewing applications for graduate faculty status. This is a required component of accreditation that must be met by a number of schools and departments at NMU. GPC members agreed that we will not be involved with revoking graduate faculty status. The GPC policy sub-committee will develop specific language indicating that GPC does not revoke graduate faculty status and this will be added to GPC’s policy document.
5. Graduate Student Association Report (Brandon Kwak/T. J. Aiyash) – B. Kwak reported the GSA has been hosting monthly informal meetings that coincide with *Science on Tap* events which take place at the Ore Dock. The GSA is currently discussing ideas for student recruitment activities that are anticipated to take place during the first week of fall semester, 2016.
6. GPC Sub-Committee Business
   1. Course & Programs (Members 2015-2016: M. Strahan, J. Suksi)
      1. Master of Sciences Integrated Biosciences – Strahan/Suksi –**Approved via e-vote -** GPC reviewed a request for program revisions from the Biology department. The revisions include modification of the existing Master of Science in Biology - Biochemistry into an interdisciplinary program hosted by the Biology department and overseen by an advisory board of faculty from the natural sciences and mathematics/computer science departments. The existing MS program is being modified to increase enrollments, provide a more tailored and unique program, and to provide a means for faculty in other STEM departments to take on graduate thesis students and enhance NMU’s research potential.
   2. Faculty (Members 2015-2016: M. Romero, J. Howard, B. Bergh)
      1. Graduate Faculty Applications – Suksi/Howard– **Approved –** Jensen (abstain)

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| **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Department** | **Level** | **Term** | | **Begins** | **Expires** |
| Anderson | Derek | Education/ldrshp/  PubSrvc | Level 3 | | 5 years | 08/01/16 | 08/01/21 |
| Imdieke | Sandra | Education/ldrshp/  PubSrvc | Level 3 | | 5 years | 08/01/16 | 08/01/21 |
| Jensen | Randall | Health/Human Performance | Level 3 | | 5 years | 08/01/16 | 08/01/21 |
| Karr | Forrest | College of Business | Level 1 | | 3 years | 08/01/16 | 08/01/19 |
| Klett | Mitchell | Education/ldrshp/  PubSrvc | Level 3 | | 5 years | 08/01/16 | 08/01/21 |
| Lindala | April | Native American Studies | Level 3 | | 5 years | 08/01/16 | 08/01/21 |
| Lubig | Joseph | Education/ldrshp/  PubSrvc | Level 3 | | 5 years | 08/01/16 | 08/01/21 |
| Ngafeeson | Madison | College of Business | Level 3 | | 5 years | 08/01/16 | 08/01/21 |

1. Policy (Members 2015-2016: R. Jensen, F. McCormick, M. Vroman)
2. Bylaws revision – **Tabled** - The bylaws revision process remains ongoing.
3. Excellence in Education review – Jensen/McCormick - **Approved -** There were 36 applicants and 35 awards. The Office of Graduate Education and Research has agreed to provide funding for the 36th applicant. GPC representatives from respective departments reviewed specific student applications and a discussion ensued. The following proposals listed below will receive funding:

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| **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Department** |
| Adamski | Andrew | Biology |
| Aday | Jacob | Psychology |
| Bates | Sarah | English |
| Bjornen | Katie | Biology |
| Bolcer | Benjamin | Biology |
| Boucher | Jacqueline | English |
| Brogren | Danielle | Biology |
| Brown | Deziree | English |
| Brown | William | Health and Human Performance |
| Chicoine | Spenser | Biology |
| Cox | Hayli | English |
| Dykehouse | Reannon | English |
| Ernst | Andrew | Health and Human Performance |
| Fitz | Hayley | English |
| Gable | Thomas | Biology |
| Gallagher | Sarah | Biology |
| Graeff | Alex | Biology |
| Grosz | Willow | English |
| Haas | Genevieve | Biology |
| Kane | Marissa | Biology |
| Kangas | Keara | Psychology |
| Kessel | Carol | Biology |
| Kinney | Ben | English |
| Kyle | Christopher | Biology |
| Litvinoff | Joshua | Biology |
| Moe | Travis | Biology |
| Peterson | Erik | Biology |
| Quartararo | Jennifer | English |
| Rankin | Andrew | Biology |
| Ryan | Sara | English |
| Smith | Colin | Biology |
| Susco | Joseph | Biology |
| Symbal | Matthew | Biology |
| Vanderplow | Amanda | Biology |
| VanOsdol | Luke | Biology |
| Wijewardena | Niyomi | Biology |

7. Unfinished Business

The policy subcommittee will work to develop language that will be added to GPC’s policy document under Section 2. This language will establish that GPC will not be involved with revoking graduate faculty status. The policy subcommittee will develop the language and present this to GPC for approval at the April meeting.

Adjourned **-** 4:45 pm – Galbreath/Strahan

Respectfully submitted by

Melissa Romero, GPC Secretary