**Graduate Programs Committee**

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

**2010-2011**

During the 2010-2011 academic year, the Graduate Programs Committee met six 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 for -

23 faculty for Level 3 status;

13 faculty for Level 2 status; and

14 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. Masters of Individualized Study Programs approved this year for:
	1. Andrea Knoll
	2. Emily Kaney
2. Recommended approval of new graduate courses, approval of existing courses for graduate credit, or revision of bulletin description of courses:
	1. EN 414 History of the English Language
	2. EN 414/515 English Grammar and Usage
	3. EN 416/516 Second Language Acquisition
	4. EN 507 Advanced Writing Theory
	5. EN 517 TESOL Methods and Materials
	6. EN 591 MA, practicum
	7. NAS 486: American Indian Educational Law and Leadership
3. Recommended changes in existing programs:
	1. Curriculum revision for Master of Arts in Education: Instruction
	2. Changes in course credit and total number of credits required for the Master of Business Administration program
	3. Changes in the Master of Fine Arts Program in the English Department
4. Recommended termination of the Master of Arts in Education: Elementary Education and Master of Arts in Education: Secondary Education programs.
5. Recommended approval of new Programs:
	1. Theatre Track for the English Master of Arts program
	2. Graduate TESOL (Teaching of English to the Speakers of Other Languages) certificate program.
	3. Master of Arts in Education: Education Administration: American Indian emphasis
6. The committee recommended 35 Excellence in Education Awards this year from 36 applications. All applications recommended were funded by the Vice-President for Finance.
7. Considered an appeal from a student wising to be readmitted to the College of Graduate Studies.
8. We are pleased to announce that the Graduate Students Association had two representatives on our committee this year, Krista Mann and Elizabeth Faucett. 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, including a Professional Development conference for graduate students. Graduate student representatives for 2011-2012will be Heather Munsche and Justin L Daugherty.
9. The Graduate Programs Committee met with departmental representatives to discuss two proposed graduate programs.
	1. Master of Science in Applied Mathematics proposal
	2. Doctorate in Nursing Practice
10. The GPC elected new GPC officers for 2010-2011:
11. J Rebers – Chair
12. D Haynes - Vice Chair
13. M Romero - Secretary