**Graduate Programs Committee**

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

**2011-2012**

During the 2011-2012 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 for -

24 faculty for Level 3 status;

8 faculty for Level 2 status; and

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 approval of BI 500: Planning and Proposing Scientific Research, a new graduate course in the Biology Department.
2. Recommended deletion of BI 515, Biochemical Genetics, a course no longer offered by the Biology Department.
3. Recommended changes in the admissions requirements for the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program.
4. Recommended approval of a new program, the Doctorate in Nursing Practice, to be implemented in Fall 2014.
5. The committee recommended 41 Excellence in Education Awards this year from 45 applications. All applications recommended were funded by the Vice-President for Finance.
6. The Committee sent representatives to attend meetings about the AQIP process.
7. The Committee made changes to the GPC Policy Manual.
8. We are pleased to announce that the Graduate Students Association had two representatives on our committee this year, Heather Munsche and Justin Daugherty. 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.