**Graduate Programs Committee**

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

**2014-2015**

During the 2014-2015 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. However, it did raise the level of scrutiny on proposals, and that meant some took longer to get through the committee than others. 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 for the following:

21 faculty for Level 3 status

22 faculty for Level 2 status

17 faculty for Level 1 status

1. We recommended the removal of one graduate faculty 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. We took the following actions:
2. Recommended **suspension of Master of Science in Nursing Program**.
3. Recommended the **Doctor of Nursing Practice bulletin modification**.
4. Recommended **changes to the Graduate** **Program Suspension Process.**
5. Recommended **changes to the Education Specialist - Administration and Supervision Program.**
6. Recommended **changes to the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program (DNP) course** **NU 562: Foundations of Nursing Education.**
7. Recommended the **New Course Proposal AIS 535: Using Scholarly Library Resources in Support of Graduate Research.**
8. Recommended **Computer Science course CS 410 for graduate credit.**
9. Recommended **Education ED 574 for revision.**
10. Recommended **Education PA 592 for revision.**
11. Recommended **Exercise Science AT ES 450- Principles of Manual Therapies for graduate credit.**
12. Recommended **the Master of Individualized Study be revised to become the Master of Arts and Sciences.**
13. Recommended **Native American Studies course NAS 495/496 for graduate credit.**
14. Recommended **Native American Studies course NAS 497/498 for graduate credit.**
15. Recommended the **revised Nursing NU 562 following further review as directed by Senate.**
16. Recommended **revisions for the requirements for level 3 graduate faculty status.**
17. Recommended **revisions for the requirements for thesis committee membership.**
18. Recommended **revisions for the requirements for the Excellence in Education grants to allow students waiting for acceptance to a conference to apply for funds.**
19. The committee recommended 36 Excellence in Education Awards this year from 47 applications.
20. We are pleased to announce that the Graduate Students Association representative on our committee this year, Laurel Hill and Sara Johnston, served their 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.