Graduate Programs Committee

**Minutes of March 16, 2017**

LRC 311

3:30 - 5:00 PM

Present: K. Galbreath, M. Romero, R. Jensen, F. McCormick, L. Eckert, Russ Prather, M. Strahan, C. Hart, C. Wozniak

Absent: M. Vroman, Ross Broughton (GSA President)

Guests: Joe Lubig – Associate Dean for Teacher Education and Director of Education, School of Education, Leadership and Public Service; Jacob Daar – Assistant Professor, Psychology, Julie Rochester, Professor, Health and Human Performance, Brian Cherry, Professor, Political Science

1. Approval of Agenda – Jensen/McCormick - **Approved**
2. Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2017 – Jensen/McCormick – **Approved**
3. Interim Assistant Provost’s for Graduate Education and Research Report – L. Eckert reported 1,500 theses were downloaded from the Commons recently. Lisa also reported that the first cohort of Doctor of Nursing Practice students will graduate in May.
4. Chair’s Report – K. Galbreath welcomed two new GPC members, Claudia Hart (College of Business) and Carl Wozniak (SELPS). Kurt also reported that he will be rotating off the GPC committee after this year so the committee will need to elect a new chair for next year.
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. SELPS – ED 585 course proposal – **Approved** - Strahan/McCormick – SELPS submitted a new course proposal for ED 585: Interest-based Literacy Teaching. The course is a 3-credit elective that will be offered to students enrolled in SELPS master’s degree programs or as continuing education credit for licensed (K – 12) teachers.
8. Biology – BI 502 course proposal - **Approved** – Strahan/McCormick.Biology submitted a new course proposal for BI 502: Scientific Laboratory Instruction. This 2-credit course was offered in the past as a BI 595, to train incoming teaching Graduate Assistants in the Biology department. The purpose of the course is to provide training for students who intend to teach laboratory sections of university science courses.
9. Psychology – program name change proposal - **Approved –** Strahan/McCormick. Psychology requested a program name change from General Psychology to Psychological Science. A minimal background in psychology is necessary for students entering the program and psychological statistics is required for admission. Applications for fall are due by March 1st.
10. Psychology – PY 541 course change proposal – **Approved –** Strahan/McCormick. Psychology submitted a course change proposal for PY 541: Advanced Child Psychology. The revised course is entitled, PY 541: Advanced Developmental Psychology. This 4-credit course was expanded to include content related to developmental psychology. Students must have graduate standing to register for the course. It is recommended that students take an undergraduate level developmental psychology course prior to taking PY 541.
11. Psychology MS in Applied Behavior Analysis program revision – **Approved –** Strahan/McCormick. Psychology requested revisions to the Psychology MS in Applied Behavior Analysis program. Proposed revisions include: (1) Develop a new course, PY 501, Behavioral Assessment and Evaluation as a graduate level replacement for PY 403, Behavioral Assessment and Evaluation. (2) Develop a new course, PY 515, Complex Behavior and Theory. (3) Change PY 462, Professional Ethics to PY 513, Professional Practices and Ethics in Behavior Analysis. (4) Reduce the total number of PY 592, Psychology Practicum credits from 4 (per semester) to a range, 1-4 credits and require instructor’s permission to take the course. (5) The requirement of a thesis and elimination of PY 590, Applied Research option. GPC reviewed the proposal at the February meeting and requested revisions to the proposal which were completed.
12. Political Science – HESA proposal. The Department of Political Science requested revisions to the Master of Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) program. Proposed revisions include the following: (1) The HESA program is being moved to the Department of Political Science and four courses will be cross-listed with MPA courses to maximize enrollments. (2) All course designations will be changed from ED to HESA. (3) Addition of three new courses. (4) Elimination of K12 courses from the program. (5) Course number changes. (6) Changes in admission requirements. GPC reviewed the proposal and requested revisions to the proposal:

* Remove the word, *distance education* from the proposal and provide clarification of the term, *hybrid*.
* Explain how the HESA program revisions improve program quality and/or the educational experiences of students.
* Identify which courses will be added to the curriculum and which courses will be removed.
* Provide syllabi that contains information about differences between assignments for MPA and HESA students who will be taking the same course.

1. Health and Human Performance – MS in Athletic Training (AT) proposal – Health and Human Performance submitted a new program proposal. The accrediting body for AT (CAATE) has mandated that by 2022, the new entry-level requirement for AT is the Master’s degree. HHS will phase out its current undergraduate major in AT and phase in a 3+2 Master’s in AT program. GPC reviewed the proposal and provided the following suggestions for revisions:

* Provide clarification about whether students applying to the program are required to have an undergraduate degree in sports science from NMU or if they can apply with baccalaureate degrees from other universities.
* Provide the listing of the proposed program as it will appear in the graduate bulletin.
* Provide course descriptions for the graduate bulletin.
* Check with Kim Rotundo to determine if a policy can be developed to allow junior level students to take 500-level (graduate) courses.
* Change the course number for ATR 599 Internship in Athletic Training (599 is reserved for thesis instead of internship).
  1. Faculty (Members 2016 - 2017: L. Eckert, M. Romero, R. Prather)
     1. Graduate Faculty Applications – Romero/Prather– **Approved**

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| **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Department** | **Level** | **Term** | **Begins** | **Expires** |
| Colquitt | Keenan | SELPS | 1 | 1 | 8/1/2016 | 8/1/2017 |
| Gautam | Yuba | HHP | 2 | 3 | 8/1/2016 | 8/1/2019 |
| Hall | Derek | Business | 1 | 3 | 8/1/2016 | 8/1/2019 |
| Wuorinen | Elizabeth | HHP | 2 | 3 | 8/1/2016 | 8/1/2019 |
| Sojourn | Jud | NAS | 2 | 3 | 8/1/2016 | 8/1/2019 |

1. GFS application form revision – **Tabled**
2. Policy (Members 2016 – 2017: M. Vroman, F. McCormick, R. Jensen)
   1. Excellence in Education review – Jensen/McCormick - **Approved -** There were 34 applicants and 32 awards. 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** |
| Adams | Beau | Biology |
| Bjornen | Katie | Biology |
| Drog | Stephen | Biology |
| Graeff | Alex | Biology |
| Homkes | Austin | Biology |
| Marsh | Dawn | Biology |
| Miltz-Miller | Eric | Biology |
| Mosca | Rudolph | Biology |
| Nehiba | Katie | Biology |
| Phillips | Samantha | Biology |
| \*Vanderplow | Amanda | Biology |
| VanOrman | James | Biology |
| \*VanOsdol | Luke | Biology |
| Wijewardena | Niyomia | Biology |
| Plackowski | Emily | Psychology |
| \*Zuidema | Michael | Psychology |
| Belc | Krys | English |
| Brightbill | Ethan | English |
| Clark | Alex | English |
| Cox | Hayli | English |
| Grosz | Willow | English |
| Kilpatrick | Tianli | English |
| Michael | Elizabeth | English |
| Nyfeler | William | English |
| Ryan | Sara | English |
| \*Uhrig | Adam | English |
| Womer | Brenna | English |
| Clark | Mindie | HHP |
| Hennekens | Megan | HHP |
| Jones | Brandon | HHP |
| Meidinger | Ryan | HHP |
| Moore | Stephanie | HHP |

\*Approved contingent on confirmation of specific requirements

* 1. Proposed Excellence in Education evaluation form –**Tabled**

1. GPC Bylaws revision – committee membership – **Tabled**

Adjourned 5:45 pm – Galbreath/Jensen

Respectfully submitted by

Melissa Romero, GPC Secretary