

Graduate Programs Committee  
**Minutes of March 2, 2023**  
 Meeting  
 Harden Hall, Room #224  
 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Present: M. Romero, M. Jennings, K. Teeter, M. Moore, L. Eckert, M. Strahan, D. Rowe, Steve Edelson

Absent: K. Smith, S. Carlson

Guests: Adam Prus, Department of Psychological Science, Liz Wourinen and Derek Marr, Health and Human Performance

1. Approval of Agenda – Strahan/Jennings - **Approved**
2. Approval of Minutes – November 10, 2022 – Jennings/Rowe – **Approved**  
 Approval of Minutes – February 23, 2023 – Jennings/Rowe - **Approved**
3. Dean’s Report (Lisa Eckert, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research) – Lisa provided information about Acalog and Curriculog: potential new programs that provide course catalogue and curriculum mapping software. GPC will continue to review these programs.
4. Chair’s Report (Maggy Moore) –
  - a. Rural Leadership PhD program: Maggy reported that program did not pass the second reading at the February 21 Academic Senate meeting.
6. GPC Business
  - a. Graduate Faculty Items – Graduate Faculty Status – Strahan/Teeter – **Approved** – 3 graduate faculty status applications were approved.

Last Name	First Name	Department	Level	Term	Begins	Expires
Carey	Lynd	Education	1	3	8/1/2022	8/1/2025
Porter	Joseph	Psychology	2	3	8/1/2022	8/1/2025
Rys	Nicholas	English	1	1	8/1/2022	8/1/2023

- b. Curricular items
  - i. School of Education, Leadership, and Public Service (SELPS) New Program Proposal – Early Childhood Leadership (Phase 1) – Strahan/Teeter - **Approved**.

The new program will focus on curriculum, research, and experiences that facilitate leadership in early childhood organizational settings. SELPS will submit Phase 2 of the new program proposal in the fall.

- ii. School of Health and Human Performance and Department of Psychology New Program Proposal – Master of Applied Sport Psychology – Strahan/Edelson - **Approved**. The new program is designed to prepare students to succeed in sport psychology, mental performance consulting, and coaching. There are two tracks, Clinical Sport Psychology and Positive Coaching. Graduates are eligible to take the Certified Mental Performance Consultant Exam. Clinical Sport Psychology graduates meet the requirements to earn a Limited License in Psychology. The program includes 16 credits of core coursework in addition to 14 credits - Positive Coaching track and 15-16 credits - Clinical Sport Psychology.
  - iii. Social Work Department – Master of Social Work Program Change Proposal – Teeter/Romero – **Tabled**.
  - iv. Department of Biology Master of Science in Integrated Biosciences Program Change – Romero/Strahan - **Tabled**.
  - v. Department of Biology Program Deletion Proposal – Postsecondary Biology Education – Romero/Edelson - **Approved**. The department requests deletion due to low enrollments in recent years.
- c. Policy Items:
- i. College of Business Special Admission Policy Change – Teeter/Romero - **Approved**. The College of Business requests removal of the following sentence from the Special Admission Policy: *International students should continue to follow the existing International Students Graduate Admissions procedures*. Removal of the sentence allows international student seniors who are within 12 credit hours of graduation and meet the policy requirements to be eligible for special admission status.
  - vi. Registrar – Admission and Academic Policies Committee Approved Policy Amendment and Associated Procedures for Admission of Seniors to Graduate Courses – Teeter/Strahan - **Approved**. GPC approved the policy amendment and noted procedural clarifications for the graduate bulletin. The following changes were made to the document:
    - Additional language: *Students admitted to an NMU Accelerated Program may instead follow the program plan and guidelines of that Accelerated program in regard to graduate-level course registration and credit use. Students must maintain a 3.0 overall GPA to remain eligible to enroll in graduate-level coursework. Students in an accelerated program may not register for more than 50% of the credits necessary for a graduate program.*

- Deleted language: *In general, these credits will not be accepted in transfer by another institution.*
- Minor editorial changes.

Adjourned 5:00 p.m. – Strahan/Teeter

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Romero, GPC Secretary