

Graduate Programs Committee  
**Minutes of March 16, 2023**  
Meeting  
Harden Hall, Room #224  
3:00 - 5:00 PM

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

Absent: M. Strahan

Guests: None

1. Approval of Agenda – Smith/Teeter - **Approved**
2. Approval of Minutes – March 2, 2023 – Jennings/Teeter – **Approved**
3. Dean’s Report (Lisa Eckert, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research) – No report.
4. Chair’s Report (Maggy Moore) – No report.
5. GPC Business
  - a. Excellence in Education Grant Awards – Romero/Carlson – **Approved** – Thirty-seven (37) applications were reviewed and ranked by the committee. Janelle Taylor was available to answer questions. Thirty-five students received funding. One application requires amendments prior to receiving funding.
  - b. Curricular items
    - i. Social Work Department – Master of Social Work Program Change Proposal – Romero/Edelson - **Approved**. The Policy, Planning, and Administration concentration will become the Advanced Generalist concentration to meet market needs and increase enrollment. Other program and course changes are noted below:
      - Admission standards updated to better reflect previous admissions and improve admissions processes
        - Addition of electives
        - Deletion of electives (from other departments – no longer offered)
      - Course revisions
        - SW 621 Policy and Program Planning (3 credits): Updated course description
        - SW 622 Community Organizing (3 credits): Updated course description

- SW 537 Substance Abuse Disorders and Treatment (3 credits):  
Name change to Evaluation and Treatment of Substance Use Disorders (3 credits)
  - New elective courses
    - SW 536 Prevention of Substance Use Disorders (4 credits)
    - SW 531 Clinical Trauma Methods (3 credits)
  - Course deletions
    - SW 535 Ethical and Legal Issues in Addiction Services (3 credits)
    - SW 642 Program and Policy Evaluation (3 credits)
    - SW 651 Policy Analysis and Advocacy (3 credits)
  - Course elective additions
    - AIS 535 Using Scholarly Library Resources in Support of Graduate Research (2 credits)
- ii. Department of Biology Master of Science in Integrated Biosciences Program Change – Romero/Carlson - **Approved**. Clinical Sciences, Anthropology, Psychology, and Library and Instructional Support, and Health and Human Performance will be added to the list of affiliated departments. Other changes include:
- Addition of the following language to the bulletin copy: A maximum of 16 credits of unspecified content (Research, Directed or Independent Study, and Thesis) can be used towards the MS degree.
  - Increase in the number of required course credits from 4 - 10 credits to 4-18 credits.
  - BI 589 Research in Biology credits will increase to 1 - 12 credits.
  - Number of elective credits will change from 22 to 14 - 28
  - Removal of affiliated department elective courses from the bulletin copy with addition of the following language under Electives: *Students may choose the remainder of their coursework from graduate courses in affiliated departments (listed above) with the requirement that 3-4 credits be completed in BI, 7-8 credits in a second prefix, and 2-4 credits in a third prefix.*
  - Minor editorial revisions to the bulletin copy.
6. Election results for the 2023-2024 academic year:
- Chair: Maggy Moore
  - Vice-chair: Mike Strahan
  - Secretary: Melissa Romero

Adjourned 4:26 p.m. – Edelson/Smith

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Romero, GPC Secretary