

Minutes - Graduate Programs Committee
March 26, 2026
3:00 - 5:00 PM
Harden Hall 214

Attendance: Dan Rowe, Sarah Carlson, Katie Newton, Danny LeBert, Mike Strahan, Cindy Basse, Corry Toegel, Steve Edelsen (3:10 pm), Suzy Ziegler (CGS&R Dean), Michael Crum (3:50 pm)

1. Approval of Agenda - Basse/Strahan **Approved**
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting - Toegel/Strahan **Approved** (Basse and LeBert abstained)
 - a. 2/26/26 [[link](#)]
3. Dean's Report (Susy Ziegler)
 - a. Discussion re: past proposal PhD in Rural Leadership. Originally proposed in 2018, resurrected in 2020 or 2021, ultimately declined in Senate. Offered historical background of past PhD proposal and foundational committee support for future PhD programs.
 - b. Grad office in transition of accepting students and offering GA positions, preparing for coming year. President is interested in growing number of grad programs but does not appear to be likelihood of more base-budgeted GA positions.
 - c. Grad office will bring NMU grad swag to NMU promo table at NCUR
4. Chair's Report (Daniel Rowe)
 - a. Athletic Training certificate approved through Senate → Provost
5. GPC Business:
 - a. Election of GPC Officers for 2026-2027 Academic Year
 - i. Chair - Motion to nominate Katie Newton - Carlson/LeBert **Approved**
 - ii. Vice Chair - Mike Strahan will remain in this position
 - iii. Secretary - committee supports leaving this position vacant as it is likely Melissa Romero will return and accept nomination
 - b. Graduate Faculty Status [[link](#)]
 - i. Most GFS apps incomplete - missing CVs because of how folders were rearranged. **Tabled for e-vote:** April Hill, Corey Holcomb, Amber Jones, Lindsay McHolme, Barbara Monroe, Jennifer Philleo, Paula Spencer, Ashley Trevino, Alisha Springle
 - ii. Motion to approve Jaime Vanenkevort - Carlson/Edelsen **Approved** (Basse Abstained)

Name	Dept	Level	Years	Start	End	Notes
April Hill	ED	2	1	8/1/25	8/1/26	Term, Assist. Prof.
Corey Holcomb	ED	1	1	8/1/25	8/1/26	Adj., MA
Amber Jones	ED	1	1	8/1/25	8/1/26	Adj. MA
Lindsay McHolme	ED	2	1	8/1/25	8/1/26	Term, Assist. Prof.
Barbara Monroe	ED	1	1	8/1/25	8/1/26	Adj., MA
Jennifer Philleo	ED	1	1	8/1/25	8/1/26	Adj., MA
Paula Spencer	ED	1	1	8/1/25	8/1/26	Adj., MA
Ashley Trevino	ED	1	1	8/1/25	8/1/26	Adj., MA
Jaime Vanenkevort	ED	1	3	8/1/25	8/1/28	Term, EdS
Alisha Springle	SLHS	1	1	8/1/25	8/1/26	NE, Adj. PhD

NE = Non-employee, CC = continuing contract, TT = tenure track, T = tenured

- c. GC Course Modification Request [[link](#)]
 - i. Motion to approve modification of course credits listed in MOU - Toegel/Basse **Approved**
- d. New Program Part 1 - PhD in Psychology (nmu.curriculog.com)
 - i. Motion to approve - Carlson/Strahan **Approved** (Toegel abstained)
- e. GPC Policy Document Revisions [[link](#)]
 - i. Motion to approve - Newton/Edelsen **Approved**
- f. Excellence in Education Awards [[link](#)]
 - i. Motion to approve top 35 applications as documented on linked spreadsheet - Basse/Carlson **Approved**
- 6. Good of the Order
- 7. Adjournment - Edelson/Newton **Approved**