

**Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) – Senate Report
2015-2016 Academic Year**

This is the sixth year that this Senate Committee has been in existence. It was chaired by Acting Dean Michael Weinrath between January and May 2015, and, subsequently, by

- an **Administrative sub-committee** to consider student requests for leaves of absence or extensions of time to complete programs (4 requests were reviewed);
- a **Curriculum sub-committee** to review course proposals (19 curriculum proposals were reviewed).
- a **Policy Review sub-committee** to review the existing Graduate Studies Policies and Guidelines document.

- **Assessment of Proposals for Program Changes**

Three programs sent forward proposals for program changes to be reviewed first by GSC then forwarded to Senate for final approval:

JMP History: Proposal for a Major Research Paper stream.

MDP: Changes to credit hours on certain courses, and the addition of 6 credit hours of electives.

- **Assessment of Proposals for New Programs**

Graduate programs continue to be developed at the UW. The GSC is the first point of formal evaluation and detailed discussion of these programs.

- The Masters in Management: Technology, Innovation and Operations Management (MiM-TIO) *Formal Program Proposal* was approved by GSC on May 21, 2015 to be passed on for approval to Academic Planning and Senate.

- The Master of Arts in Criminal Justice *Formal Program Proposal* was approved by GSC on May 21, 2015 to be sent forward to Academic Planning and Senate for approval.

- The Master of Divinity program changes were approved at GSC on April 7, 2015 to be forwarded to Academic Planning and Senate.

- The Master of Education proposal was reviewed at GSC reviewed April 7, 2016, recommendations were made, and a revised proposal will be taken back to GSC in fall 2016.

- **Faculty of Graduate Studies Policy Review:**

The GSC is currently in the process of reviewing the Faculty of Graduate Studies Policies and Guidelines document constituting numerous sub-committees to make recommendations on new protocols and improvements to current processes. A sub-committee was struck to review this document, and bi-weekly meetings occurred between October and March with major issues being brought forward to the larger committee for discussion. The revised policy document will be drafted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies over the summer of 2016, with the goal of submitting the final document for Senate approval in fall 2016.

- **Education**

GSC meetings this year included a consultation and educ678(o)-0.956417(r)2.3678()250]TJ -248.875 -13.8

the Field Trip/Work Policy.

- Laurel Repski attended a meeting to offer an update on the PSAC negotiations and to educate the committee on graduate student payment processes.