STANDING COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORT  
September 2014 - February 2015

**COMMITTEE NAME:** University Council on Graduate Studies

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:** Eric Strauss

**SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACTIONS FOR FALL SEMESTER 2014:**

**Establish**

Request to establish a **Graduate Certificate in Environmental and Social System Modeling** in the College of Social Science.

Request for a New Dual Degree – Juris Doctor / Master of Arts Degree in Higher, Adult and Lifelong Education.

Request to establish a **Master of Arts** degree in Spanish as a Second or Bilingual Language in the Department of Romance and Classical Studies.

Proposal for a New Academic Unit of Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering

**Change**

Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Arts** degree in Foreign Language Teaching

Request to change the requirements for the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in Kinesiology on the Department of Kinesiology

Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Science** degree in Marketing Research in the Department of Marketing

Request to change the requirements in the **Master of Science** degree in **Computer Science** in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

Request to change the requirements in the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Computer Science** in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Science in Nursing** degree in Nursing.
Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in Nursing Practice.

Request to change the name of the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nurse Specialist to the Graduate Certificate in Adult –Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist in the College of Nursing.

Request to change the requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Nurse Practitioner in the College of Nursing.

Request to change the requirements for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) and Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.) degrees in Global Food Law in the College of Law.

Request to change the name of the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Industrial Relations and Human Resources to Human Resources and Labor Relations in the School of Human Resources and Labor Relations.

Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in K-12 Educational Administration in the Department of Educational Administration.

Request to change the requirements in the Master of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering in the Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Sciences.

Request to change the requirements in the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Chemical Engineering in the Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science.

Request to change the requirements in the Master of Science degree in Materials Science and Engineering in the Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science.

Request to change the requirements in the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Materials Science and Engineering in the Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science.

Request to change the administrative responsibility for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Educational Policy in the College of Education to the Department of Educational Administration.

Request to change the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in French in the Department of Romance and Classical Studies.

Request to change the requirements for a Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication and Master of Arts Degree in Communication in the Department of Communication.
**Moratorium**

Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Master of Arts for degree in Health Professions Education.

Request for a Moratorium on Admission to Master of Arts degree in Applied Spanish Linguistics.

Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Graduate Specialization in Ethics and Development in the Department of Philosophy.

**PROJECTED ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS:**

UCGS revised a draft of the Grief Absence Policy that was developed by UCUE and UCSA. That revised document was approved on February 2, 2015.

UCGS sub-committee on curriculum is discussing any policy changes needed for graduate certificates that are earned outside of a regular graduate program (that is an individual who is not officially admitted to a graduate program but can still earn a graduate certificate.

UCGS sub-committee on curriculum is working on a revised draft of the MOOCS information item requested by Provost Youatt. UCUE provided commentary regarding MOOCs at the undergraduate level.

UCGS subcommittee on academic and research issues are discussing any policy changes needed with learning that ProQuest provides all MSU theses and dissertations directly to Turn-It-In.

UCGS will select new officers for 2015-2016 academic year.

The 3 medical colleges are working on a revision of the Medical Student Rights and Responsibilities document (the Grad Student Rights and Responsibilities document was revised and approved last year).