COMMITTEE NAME:  University Committee on Graduate Studies

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:  Elizabeth M. Gardner, Ph.D.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACTIONS FOR FALL SEMESTER 2013:

*Request to establish a Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Advertising and Master of Arts Degree in Health and Risk Communication in the College of Communication Arts & Sciences. APPROVED

*Request to establish a Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication and Master of Arts Degree in Health and Risk Communication in the College of Communication Arts & Sciences. APPROVED

*Request to establish a Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism and Master of Arts Degree in Health and Risk Communication in the College of Communication Arts & Sciences. APPROVED

*Request to establish a Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Media and Information and Master of Arts Degree in Health and Risk Communication in the College of Communication Arts & Sciences. APPROVED

*Request to establish a Linked Bachelor of Science Degree in Materials Science and Engineering and Master of Science Degree in Materials and Engineering in the Department of Chemical Engineering and Material Science. APPROVED

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

* Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Rehabilitation Counselor Education in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education. APPROVED

*Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Educational Policy in the College of Education. APPROVED

* Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in School Psychology in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education. APPROVED

* Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Educational Psychology an Educational Technology in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education. APPROVED
* Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Higher Adult and Lifelong Education in the Department of Educational Administration. APPROVED

* Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Curriculum, Instruction, and Teacher Education in the Department of Teacher Education. APPROVED

* Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Special Education in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education. APPROVED

* Request to change requirements for the Master of Science degree in Business Research in the Eli Broad College of Business. APPROVED

* Request to change the requirements for the Master of Public Policy degree in Public Policy. APPROVED

* Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science degree in Accounting in the Department of Accounting and Information systems. APPROVED

* Request to change the College of Music Requirements for the Doctor of Musical Arts and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees in the College of Music. APPROVED

* Request to change the Master of Music degree in Music Theory in the College of Music. APPROVED

* Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science degree in Pharmacology and Toxicology in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. APPROVED

* Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science degree in Integrative Pharmacology in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. APPROVED

* Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science degree in Biomedical Laboratory Operations in Biomedical Laboratory Diagnostic Program. APPROVED

* Request to change the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in Biomedical Laboratory Science in the Biomedical Laboratory Diagnostics Program. APPROVED

* Request to change the requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis in Special Education in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, and Special Education. APPROVED

Establish Program

* Request to establish a Master of Science degree in Business Analytics in the Eli Broad College of Business. APPROVED

* Request to establish a Master of Arts degree in Arts and Cultural Management in the College of Arts and Letters. APPROVED

* Request to establish a Master of Arts degree in Program Evaluation in the Department of Psychology. APPROVED
Delete Program

*Request to delete the curriculum and degree requirements for the Graduate Specialization in Applied Developmental Science in the College of Social Science. APPROVED

*Request to delete the curriculum and degree requirements for the Graduate Specialization in Food in Agricultural Standards in the College of Social Science. APPROVED

Change the Administrative Responsibility

*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the Master of Arts degree in Critical Studies in Literacy and Pedagogy in the College of Arts and Letters to the Department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures. APPROVED

*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the Master of Arts degree in Digital Rhetoric and Professional Writing in the College of Arts and Letters to the Department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures. APPROVED

*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Rhetoric and Writing in the College of Arts and Letter in the Department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures. APPROVED

Other

*Request for exceptions to University Policy that would allow courses in which at least a 2.0 grade or its equivalent was received to be considered for transfer for the following dual degree programs between MSU and Michigan State University College of Law, Master of Arts Degree in Psychology and Michigan State University College of Law JD. APPROVED

*Request for the College of Veterinary Medicine to Utilize the Conditional Pass (CP) Grade Marker. APPROVED

PROJECTED ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS:

1) Review of RIO: Jim Pavarnik. Report was unanimously approved by the Committee on January 13, 2014 and sent on to President Simon.

2) Department of Biomedical Engineering. On January 13, 2014, UCGS discussed the recommendation to establish a new Department of Biomedical Engineering. Acting Dean Leo Kempel and Assoc Dean Manoooch Koochesfahani attended the meeting to present the request and answer questions. Comments from the Committee were very positive. Although UCGS was not required to vote, they elected to do so. The vote was unanimously in favor of this new department.

3) Subcommittees:
   - Graduate Instruction, Employment and Mentoring Subcommittee. The Law Student Rights and Responsibilities (LSRR) document was approved in UCGS on Monday Jan 13 and then also endorsed by COGS on Wed Jan 15.

4) The Graduate Students Rights and Responsibilities (GSRR) revisions were voted on at the Feb 3, 2014 meeting and were approved by UCGS. Continuing revisions of GSRR, this has moved onto COGS.
   - Making a recommendation to Provost Youatt for compensation increase for RAs and TEs.

5) Subcommittees continuing with discussions of
• Massively Open Online Courses (MOOCS)
• JOINT degrees (with another university—domestic or International) that have BOTH seals on the diploma and transcript. MSU has not currently done this.