ANNUAL REPORT OUTLINE

**Committee Name:** University Committee on Graduate Studies  
**Chairperson:** Liz Gardner  
**Meetings Held (Dates):** Sept 9, 2013, Oct 7, 2013, April 2014

1. Give a brief description of committee activities and/or issues discussed and actions taken/recommendations made and to whom.

*Establish Link*

*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*

A request to establish a new academic department: Department of Biomedical Engineering  
**Request to establish new academic department: Department of Biomedical Engineering. Acting Dean presented.** – All voted in support of the new Department. Specific comments were sent to Dr. Youatt.

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

*Request to establish a Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies the College of Arts and Letters.

*Request to establish a Graduate Certificate in Applied Parasitology and Public Health in the College of Human Medicine.

*Request to establish a Graduate Specialization in Media and Informational Studies in the college of Communication Arts and Sciences.
*Request to establish a Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.) degree in Legal Doctrine Analysis in the College of Law.

*Request to establish a Graduate Certificate in Applied Parasitology and Public Health in the College of Human Medicine.

*Request to establish a Linked Bachelor of Science Degree in Physiology and Master of Science Degree in Physiology in the Department of Physiology in the College of Natural Science, College of Human Medicine, College of Osteopathic Medicine, and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Change Requirements**

*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 Professional Program in Osteopathic Medicine leading to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree in the College of Osteopathic Medicine. POSTPONED IN OCT 2013/APPROVED NOV 2013

*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

*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the Master of Arts degree in Advertising in the Department of Advertising, Public Relations, and Retailing to the Department of Advertising and Public Relations.

*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the Master of Arts degree in Public Relations in the Department of Advertising, Public Relations, and Retailing to the Department of Advertising and Public Relations.

*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the Master of Science degree in Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies in the Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies to the Department of Community Sustainability.
*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies in the Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies to the Department of Community Sustainability.

*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the Master of Science degree in Sustainable Tourism and Protected Area Management in the Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies to the Department of Community Sustainability.

*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Sustainable Tourism and Protected Area Management in the Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies to the Department of Community Sustainability.

*Request to change the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in Health Professions Education in the College of Education.

*Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science degree in Biosystems Engineering in the Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering.

*Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Biosystems Engineering in the Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering.

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

*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the Master of Science degree in Neuroscience in the College of Natural Science to the Program in Neuroscience.

*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Neuroscience in the College of Natural Science to the Program in Neuroscience.

*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Neuroscience-Environmental Toxicology in the College of Natural Science to the Program in Neuroscience.

*Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science degree in Biostatistics in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

*Request to change the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in Journalism in the School of Journalism.

*Request to change the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in Anthropology Department of Anthropology.

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

*Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Measurements and Quantitative Methods in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special
*Request to change the requirements for the **Graduate Certificate** in **Human Resources Management and Development** in the department of Department of Management.

*Request to change the requirements for the **Graduate Certificate** in **Leadership and Managing Teams** in the Department of Department of Management.

*Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Science** degree in **Management, Strategy, and Leadership** in the Department of Management.

*Request to change the requirements for the **Graduate Certificate** in **Strategic Management** in the Department of Department of Management.

*Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Science** degree in **Law Enforcement Intelligence and Analysis**.

*Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Arts** degree in **Foreign Language Teaching.** **No representative was present from the department. Tabled to the September meeting, when a representative would be present the change and the committee would have the opportunity to discuss it.**

*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 the **Juris Doctor** degree in the Michigan State University College of Law.

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

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

*Request for a proposed name change of the **Department of Zoology** to the “**Department of Integrative Biology.**”

**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**

*Request to delete the curriculum and degree requirements for the **Master of Science** degree in **Physical Science – Interdepartmental** in the College of Natural Science.

*Request to delete the curriculum and degree requirements for the **Master of Science** degree in **Biological Science – Interdepartmental** in the College of Natural Science.

*Request to delete the curriculum and degree requirements for the **Master of Arts for Teachers** degree in **General Science** in the College of Natural Science.

**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**

*Proposed Grief Absence Policy for students

*GSRR Revisions – VOTE on the big changes so it can go to COGS

**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

OTHER PROJECTS:
UCGS sub-committee and full committee:

Approved revisions to the Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities document.

Approved the development and document Law Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Approved revisions to the thesis/dissertation requirements to reflect the move to electronic submission of documents (which itself was approved the previous year).

Approved the limitation of 999 credits to a maximum of 36 credits (24 credits are required for each Ph.D. student).

Continued work on the “joint” degree process document at the request of Provost Youatt.

Studied the issue of MOOCs and credit in partnership with UCUE. Provided an interim document to Provost Youatt.

PROJECTED ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS:

*Request to change the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in Foreign Language Teaching. No representative was present from the department. Tabled to the September meeting, when a representative would be present the change and the committee would have the opportunity to discuss it.

Comment on matters pending before the committee and matters which should be considered in 2014-2015.

--revisions of the Medical Student Rights and Responsibilities document.
--finalize recommendations on joint degrees
--finalize recommendations on MOOCs

3. Comment on problems and/or issues that have made the work of the committee more difficult.
4. Please make any suggestions about how the academic governance system might be modified to improve the committee’s work.

Please return your completed form to Sherry Lott at sl@msu.edu no later than Friday, May 16, 2014.

Thank you!