University Committee on Graduate Studies (UCGS)
Gwen Wittenbaum (Chair)

Subcommittee Project Outcomes for 2018-19

Curriculum Sub-committee (Anthony Paganini, Chair):

- Consider straightforward/noncontroversial program requests and bring recommendations back to the full committee. (Ongoing)
- Review graduate majors that fall below the UCGS “trigger points” for program quality based on minimum enrollments and minimum number of degrees granted. (Unnecessary in 2018-19)
- Draft a procedure for proposing dual degrees that is parallel to procedure for joint degrees. (Indefinite hold on this task)
- Catalog and organize graduate certificates and specializations (e.g., type, eligibility) and identify those with ambiguous language in the catalog copy (Cataloging completed in Spring 2019)

Academic Research Policy Sub-committee (Chris Hogan, Chair):

- Advise on COI policy for external committee members. Also consider RVSM mandatory reporting (only applies to MSU employees?), HIPAA and FERPA training. (Indefinite hold on this task)
- Receive and discuss annual RIO report. (Completed in November, 2018)
- RIO Review: consider whether we should formalize a 5-year review of the Research Integrity Officer – similar to what is done for other positions (e.g., Faculty Grievance Officer). (Report completed in April, 2019)

Graduate Instruction, Employment and Mentoring Sub-committee (Andres Contreras, Chair):

- Make a recommendation to the entire UCGS for discussion on the compensation for RAs and TEs (TAs are covered by the collective bargaining agreement). The recommendation is made to the Provost. (Completed in March, 2019)
- Review and recommend revisions to the Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities and Medical Students Rights and Responsibilities documents. (Unnecessary in 2018-19)
- Review draft proposals from the Graduate School regarding evaluation of faculty mentoring of graduate students for RPT and annual review. Develop recommendations for mentoring guidelines and standards. (Delayed to 2019-2020 academic year)