ACADEMIC COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Academic Year 2011-12

Committee Name: University Committee on Graduate Studies

Chairperson: John Goddeeris

Meetings Held (Dates):

- September 12, 2011
- October 10, 2011
- November 7, 2011
- January 9, 2012
- February 6, 2012
- March 12, 2012
- April 9, 2012
- May 7, 2012

1. Summary of Activities

Changes (all of the following were approved)

- Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree in Veterinary Medicine in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

- Request to change the requirements for the Dual Major in Ecology, Evolutionary Biology and Behavior in the College of Natural Science.

- Request to change the requirements in the Interdepartmental Graduate Specialization in Ecology, Evolutionary Biology and Behavior in the College of Natural Science.

- Request to change the requirements for the Graduate Specialization in Environmental Science and Policy in the College of Social Science.

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

- Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Music Performance in the College of Music.

- Request to change the requirements for the Master of Music degree in Music Performance in the College of Music.
Request to change the requirements for the **Master in Urban and Regional Planning** degree in **Urban and Regional Planning** in the School of Planning, Design and Construction.

Request to change the requirements for the **Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (Professional Program in Osteopathic Medicine)** degree in the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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

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

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 **Applied Statistics**.

Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Arts Degree** in **Telecommunication, Information Studies and Media**.

Request to change the requirements for the **Graduate Specialization in Management of Information Technology**.

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

Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Arts Degree** in **Communication Sciences and Diseases**.

Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Arts Degree** in **African American and African Studies**. (Approved with amendment sent to Dean Klomparens)

Request to change the requirements for the **Doctor of Philosophy Degree** in **African American and African Studies**.

Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Science in Law Enforcement Intelligence and Analysis** in the School of Criminal Justice. Approved

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

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

Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Master of Arts** degree in **Applied Spanish Linguistics** in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese to the **Master of Arts** degree in **Applied Spanish Linguistics** in the Department of Romance and Classical Studies.

Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Master of Arts** degree in **French** in the Department of French, Classics and Italian to the **Master of Arts** degree in **French** in the Department of Romance and Classical Studies.

Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Master of Arts** degree in **Hispanic Literatures** in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese to the **Master of Arts** degree in **Hispanic Literatures** in the Department of Romance and Classical Studies.

Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **French, Language and Literature** in the Department of French, Classics and Italian to the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **French, Language and Literature** in the Department of Romance and Classical Studies.

Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Hispanic Cultural Studies** in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese to the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Hispanic Cultural Studies** in the Department of Romance and Classical Studies.

Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Human Resources and Labor Relations** degree in Human Resources and Labor Relations in the School of Human Resources and Labor Relations.

Request to change the Grading System for “LM” level students.

Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Science** degree in **Packaging** in the School of Packaging.

**Establishing New Programs** (all approved with discussion and amendments as noted)

Request to establish a **Graduate Certificate** program in **Counterfeit Pharmaceuticals** in the College of Human Medicine.
Request to establish a Master of Arts degree in Foreign Language Teaching in the College of Arts and Letters.

Request to establish a Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Linguistics and Master of Arts Degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages in the Department of Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages. Approved after revision of page 4 distributed to UCGS.

Request to establish a Linked Bachelors of Arts Degree in Marketing and Master of Science Degree in Marketing Research in the Department of Marketing. Approved after suggestions to clarify similar graduation requirements for Bachelors of Arts Degree in Marketing.

Request to establish a Graduate Certificate program in Teaching and Learning in Postsecondary Education in the Department of Educational Administration.

Request to establish a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in Nursing Practice in the College of Nursing.

Request to establish a Graduate Specialization in Economics of Education in the College of Education.

Request to establish a Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership in the Department of Educational Administration. Approved after lengthy discussion regarding (1) Capstone Course which is a group project. Discussion focused on grading, academic integrity monitoring, coordination, and faculty coaching. And, (2) 1/3rd of program is the Capstone Project

Request to establish a Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Advertising and Master of Arts Degree in Public Relations in the Department of Advertising, Public Relations, and Retailing.

Request to establish a Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Advertising and Master of Arts Degree in Advertising in the Department of Advertising, Public Relations, and Retailing.

Request to establish a Linked Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Theatre and Master of Fine Arts Degree in Theatre in the Department of Theatre. Linked program of 15 shared credits approved.

Request to establish a Graduate Certificate in Clinical Research Trials Management in the College of Human Medicine, and in collaboration with Grand Valley State University. Approved with amendments
  - Online
  - Amended language
Request to establish the Master of Laws Program, the L.L.M. and M.J. in Global Food Law in the Michigan State University College of Law.

Request to establish a Graduate Certificate in Safety Pharmacology in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology.

Request for a new Linked Bachelor of Science Degree in Media and Information and Master of Arts Degree in Telecommunication, Information Studies and Media.

Request for a new Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Media and Information and Master of Arts Degree in Telecommunication, Information Studies and Media.

Request for a new Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism and Master of Arts Degree in Journalism.

Request for a new Graduate Certificate in Forest Carbon Science, Policy and Management.

Request for a new Master of Science Degree in Biostatistics.

Request for a new Graduate Certificate in Serious Game Design and Research.

Request for a new Graduate Certificate in Journalism.

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Request for a Moratorium on admission to the Graduate Certificate in Educational Assessment for K-12 Practitioners.

Request for a Moratorium Extension on Admission to the Master of Science Degree Zoo and Aquarium Management.

Request for a Moratorium Extension on Admission to the Graduate Specialization in Security Management.

Request for a moratorium on Admission to the Master of Science Degree in Integrated Pest Management.

Delete

Request to delete the curriculum and degree requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Educational Assessment for K-12 Practitioners in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education. Approved
In addition to the above curriculum matters, UCGS:

- Provided advice to the Provost on the following matters (all were supported):
  - Request to change the name of the Department of Internal Medicine to the Department of Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine and International Medicine.
  - Request to change the name of the Department of Epidemiology to the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics.
  - Request to merge the Department of Crop & Soil Science and the Department of Plant Pathology.
- Met with the University Research Organization Exploration Committee. UCGS was supportive of the work of the URO Committee, and no UCGS member expressed opposition to the primary recommendation that MSU proceed with establishing a URO.
- Considered the report of the Ad Hoc Task Force on Assessment. UCGS supported the proposal to adopt the recommendations put forth by the Provost's Office to amend the Code of Teaching Responsibility and the University Policy on the Integrity of Scholarship and Grades.
- Commented on and ultimately supported the changes to the University Policy on Dual Enrollment by Undergraduates. Supported proposed revisions to the Drop and Withdrawal policies at MSU.
- Discussed but, due to lack of support, did not move forward with a proposal for the creation of a “Graduate Faculty” at MSU as exists at some universities.
- Supported the idea that UCGS be consulted about all name changes of departments and names of new departments.
- Made a recommendation supporting a 3% stipend increase for RA/TEs in 2012-13.
- Participated with the Provost’s Office in the review of the Dean of the Graduate School.

2. Comment on matters pending before the committee and matters which should be considered in 2012-2013.

One expected activity is consideration of MSU policies on the tuition benefit for graduate assistants.

3. Comment on problems and/or issues that have made the work of the committee more difficult.

The Committee runs pretty smoothly, thanks in large part to the work of Dean Klomparens and her staff and the cooperative attitude of members.

4. Please make any suggestions about how the academic governance system might be modified to improve the committee’s work.
To move things even more efficiently, coordination between different committees working on the same issues could be improved. We should also continue to work on ways of accomplishing things in between monthly meetings, by email, etc.