# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

March 29 2017, GBB 202, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

*Members Present:* L. Broberg F. Brown, C. Dumke, L. Economides, J. Farnsworth, L. Frey, K. Harris, G. Morrill, C. Palmer, S. Ross, D. Schuldberg, K. Swift  
*Ex-Officio Present:* N. Lindsay, S. Whittenburg

*Members Absent/Excused:* G. Lind, M. Murphy,

Call to Order

* The minutes from 2/15/17 were approved.

## Communications

* The program review documents for English are available on Box. Another volunteer is needed to help the Humanities subcommittee since it is short a member, and one member is from English. Professor Broberg agreed to help.

## Business Items

* The Council discussed the Bertha Morton applications and the available funds. It decided on three fellowships and 20 scholarships. The names are appended below. It agreed that the process should prioritize applicants that have not previously received the award. The Social Science Subcommittee will look at a possible rubric and whether the procedure should be revised considering it has been several years since the middle group was re-ranked by another set of faculty.
* The Council approved the request from English to remove the GRE requirement for application to the Creative Writing Program, the MA Teaching Option, and the English Literature program in accordance with the procedure.
* The Council also approved changing the admissions deadline date for the IIP program from April 1st to April 15th. This will allow students more time to get letters of recommendations from faculty given spring break falls just before the current deadline. The change can be implemented this year as long as the applicants that have already submitted are given the opportunity to revisit their application

## Good and Welfare

* The deadline has been extended to April 7 for graduate students to submit materials for the Graduate Student Conference April 27th.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

## Bertha Morton Awards

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| Last name | First name | Subcommittee |
| **Armatas** | **Christopher** | **Schools** |
| Sax | Ruth | Schools |
| Schachner | Casey | Schools |
| Goodman | Ariel | Schools |
| Metcalf | Peter | Schools |
| Atteberry | Nicole | Schools |
| Edith | Gillette | Social |
| **Brianna** | **Rick** | **Social** |
| Melissa | Peterson | Social |
| Meredith | Repke | Social |
| Kaitlyn | Ahlers | Social |
| Alisha | Johnson | Social |
| Priyadarshani | Loess | Social |
| Catherine | DeMets | Social |
| **Fred** | **Benham** | **science** |
| Leila | Cooper | science |
| Ricela | Feliciano-Semidei | science |
| Ellen | Knappe | science |
| Joanna | Kreitinger | science |
| Casey | Massena | science |
| Vanessa | Selimovic | science |
| Jordan | Chesnut | Humanities |
| Kreimer | Olga | Schools |