# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2017, GBB 202, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

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

*Members Absent/Excused:* C. Dumke, L. Economides, K. Harris, M. Murphy, K. Swift  
  
Call to Order

* The minutes from 12/7/16 were approved.

## Communications

* Vice President Whittenburg reported that the Graduate School has filled the Graduate Admission Position. Brittany worked in the office as a student employee so the transition is going well.
* The Graduate School is currently preparing the paperwork to establish a new MS or MA of Interdisciplinary Studies. The request for the paperwork was triggered by the request to change the title of the existing Master’s of Interdisciplinary Studies.
* A decision has been made regarding the Graduate School Associate Dean position. Interim President Stearns asked that the Director of the UM Press be retained separate from the President or Academic Affairs Office budgets. Thus these responsibilities will be folded into the Associate Dean Position which is essentially equivalent to a one course buy out for each semester and extra comp in the summer. This person will represent the Graduate School on Graduate Council. The person selected was Professor Ashby Kinch.
* The following programs are scheduled for program review this year. Camie will notify the subcommittees when materials are available for review. The external reviewer for English is here this week and Social Work’s external review visit is scheduled for next week.   
  + SOBA: Accounting & Finance, Marketing & Management [ Accredited] (Professional Schools)
  + English (Humanities)
  + Communicative Sciences and Disorders (Science)
  + Law(Professional Schools)
  + Philosophy (Humanities)
  + Social Work (Social Science)
  + Theatre and Dance (Professional Schools )

## Business Items

* The following Social Science Curricular Items were approved. There were a few other items on the pending list that Camie will research.

## College of Education and Human Science

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| **Communicative Sciences & Disorders** | | |
| [CSD 545 UG](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/1585) | Autism/Complex Communication | Change credits, description, repeatability, title |
| [CSD 566 UG](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/1592) | Acquired Cog-Com Disorders | Change prereqs |
| Program Modification |  | Update requirement to reflect change in CSD 545 |
| Program Modification |  | Add 566 to electives |

## College of Humanities and Science

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| **Environmental Studies** | | |
| [ENST 542 G](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/1345) | Conserv wo Borders | Change title |

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| **Geography** | | |
| [GPHY 504 G](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/1357) | Research Design I | Change description, title |
| [GPHY 505 G](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/1359) | Research Design II | Change title |
| [GPHY 588 G](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/665) | Spatial Analysis and Modeling | Change description, learning outcome, title |

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| **Psychology** | | |
| [PSYX 604 G](https://winapps.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/1470) | Rural Integrated Behav Health | New course |

* The IIP Admissions Committee is short a member from Science and Professional Schools. Please help recruit members. There is an application that needs to be reviewed.
* VP Whittenburg is concerned about the amount of bureaucracy involved with administering the IIP and was wondering whether some of the functions could be absorbed by the Council. The IIP Oversight Committee is made up of Graduate Council members from Ph.D. granting programs. Its primary responsibility is to review the annual report that is created by the Graduate School. In the past there have been concerns about the quality so the Oversight Committee was established to have an appeal function if necessary.

## Good and Welfare

* The Council will not be reviewing Bertha Morton materials until March. It may not be necessary to meet if there are not enough items for the agenda. Next week the Council will discuss the current UG and Co-convening practices. Camie will send links to the current procedures.
* VP Whittenburg is unaware of any changes to TA funding.
* Professor Ross, in his capacity as Graduate Council co-Chair was invited to last week’s ECOS meeting to discuss the possibility of shared governance leading program participation. Representatives from the UFA, ASUM, and Staff Senate were also included. The Faculty Senate wants to get out in front of this issue and will need volunteers to help do the review. It will be important that graduate programs be represented. It will likely involve meeting with department chairs to interpret the data. It would be helpful to meet with Dawn Ressel to address issues of confusion with data interpretation. One example is that all TA’s are assigned .5 FTE even though they do not actually work half time. The Academic Unit Data includes a comparator from the Delaware Study noted as NSICP. Graduate Program Directors should be invited to this meeting along with Interim Provost Edmond. [Dawn Ressel is able to attend the February 15th meeting. ]

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.