# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2018, GBB 202, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

*Members Present:* B. Baker, F. Brown, M. Corkish, C. Dumke, J. Farnsworth, K. Harris G. Morrel, C. Nelson, S. Ross, R. Smith, S. Stan, N. White, J. Wiltse  
*Members Absent/Excused:* L. Broberg C. Fitspatrick, N. Lindsay, M. Murphy C. Palmer, V.P. Whittenburg  
 *Ex-Officio Present:* A. Kinch   
  
Call to Order

* The minutes from 2/28/18 were approved.

## Communication

* The President accepted the invitation to meet with Graduate Council. He will attend the meeting on April 4th, the week after spring break. The Council will want to discuss how to prepare for the discussion.   
    
  Some of the University Planning Committee’s work will be available then. Professor White is on Mission Subcommittee. It has identified six pillars that will guide decisions of the Data Subcommittee. The pillars are designed to break down barriers to interdisciplinary work. They are: Environment and Sustainability, Health and Medicine, Culture and Society, Leadership and Justice, Entrepreneurship, and Creative Arts. Other terms / ideas are being considered for the mission such as innovation, critical thinking and global awareness. Our current mission is useful for those on campus as an inward looking reflection of what we do, but it needs to be outward looking. The UPC needs to establish a communication strategy, otherwise some of its recommendations may panic faculty and staff. The pillars could be viewed as a mechanism for reorganization. The UPC recommendations will affect graduate programs. Undergraduate programs and graduate programs are linked. You cannot discontinue one with affecting the other.  
    
  The primary focus for the UPC is to provide the Board of Regents with a roadmap to address the structural budget deficit at the May meeting. The minutes from the full UPC meetings are available on the Council’s [website](http://www.umt.edu/planningassessmentcontinuum/Planning/agendas_minutes/default.php).
* There are three e-Curr forms and 1 level form for the Science subcommittee to review.
* The initial count of Bertha Morton applications, in accordance with the administrative / college structure, is below. The Council viewed some of the thesis / dissertation topics and moved a few of the applications to distribute the work load more evenly.

Humanities 5 (revised to 10)  
 Professional Schools 18 (revised to 15)  
 Science 15   
 Social Science 19 (revised to 17)  
  
Camie will send a follow-up communication with the Bertha Morton Procedure. It was revised last year to include anchor scores. The Committee may want to revisit the prompt after it considers the materials. Kelly in the Graduate School will send instructions to access the applications in Academic Works. Members will be able to vote in the system and it will automatically general scholarship notifications. The full Council will consider the application distribution at the April 11th meeting. Subcommittees should meet prior to this to agree on their top candidates.

## Business Items

* Consideration of the Graduate Increment Policy was postponed given the time.

## Adjournment

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