

SENATE FINAL REPORT 2016-17

GRADUATE COMMITTEE

The Graduate Committee reports twice a year – in the fall and spring graduate faculty meetings

Fall semester 2016 and Spring semester 2017:

- Reviewed and chose the International Student Award winners (Ilyoung Ju, Taylor Wen, Liliana Latorre, Naa Dodoo, Jung Chun)
- Reviewed and chose the Doctoral Mentoring Award nominee for the College (Morton)
- Reviewed and chose Spring grad student awards
 - Outstanding grad student teacher (Jasper Fessman and Rich Shumate)
 - Outstanding MA student (Amanda Kastrinos and Lucy March)
- Reviewed and voted on changes to certificate programs
- Reviewed and approved graduation with distinction applicants
- Reviewed and approved two new distance programs (Digital Strategy and Political Communication)
- TA mid-term evaluations
- PhD qualifying exams changes discussions – ongoing
- Graduate Coordinator self-evaluations
- Boot Camp
- Chose 5 Preeminence Graduate School Doctoral Assistantship Awards
- Doctoral Mentoring Guidelines developed, approved and submitted to Graduate School
- Developed and held first annual Doctoral Visitation days

Spring semester, the committee met every week during the early semester to review Doctoral Admissions files.

Continuing/new items for 2017-18

- All awards will be reviewed and selected
- Preeminence doctoral student selection
- Continue to discuss potential changes to PhD qualifying exams process
- Continue to analyze and monitor boot camp and make suggested changes
- Continue to discuss and analyze Pro Master's track and needed changes to existing master's tracks
- Grade appeal policy
- Other items as they arise