Graduate Policy Committee

Annual Report, 2023-2024

During the 2023-2024 regular academic year, the GPC met 16 times.

The GPC revised or implemented the following six university-wide policies:

- Replacement of the 60-Day deadline for manuscript clearance with a new timeline for re-defense
- Updating of Defense Decision Definitions
- Clarification of required cumulative grade point average for graduate level certificates
- Policy on Dismissal for reasons other than GPA
- Change to the definition of full-time enrollment for graduate students (from 12 credits to 9 credits)
- Updates to the University-Wide TA Standards

Eight programs/units were reviewed as part of their QER:

- In fall 2023,
  - Molecular Biophysics
  - Dance
  - Social Work
  - Biological Sciences
  - Theatre
- In spring 2024,
  - Chemistry and Biochemistry
  - Criminology
  - Neuroscience

The GPC reviewed and approved the following proposals:

- Proposal to Implement:
  - MS and PhD in Aerospace Engineering
- Proposal to Offer an Existing on-Campus Graduate Degree in an Online Format:
  - MS/MA in Professional Communication
  - EdD in Art Education

Additional discussions on,

- Changes to the GPC review process during the current review year
- Use of Legal vs. Professional name on Thesis/Dissertation manuscripts