



**University Graduate and Professional Council
Executive Summary
2009-2010**

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The Council began the year with two new members (Randy Vance and Mischelle Stone) and previous chair Nancy Hogan began a yearlong sabbatical. (Mischelle Stone was a temporary replacement for Nancy Hogan.)

Throughout the year a great deal of attention was given to the Professional Doctorate in Community College Leadership program. Starting Summer 2009 and through November 2009 intense discussion involved curriculum content and the need for detailed doctoral level graduate policies. Extensive lists of problem areas and improvement ideas were developed and shared with the program developers. Many of the UGPC findings were acted upon and implemented by Administration; however, much more policy development remains critically needed. In February 2010 the UGPC participated in the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) visit and review of the new EdD program. In March 2010 the UGPC provided some feedback to draft EdD Admissions Requirements; however no other policy review by the UGPC has taken place. In April 2010 the UGPC met with Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Fritz Erickson to discuss the future of graduate education at Ferris. The result of the meeting led to a suggested plan of action that the VPAA's Office would solicit the assistance of the Academic Senate during the August 2010 Senate Retreat. The Senate would be asked to sanction the development and creation of a new Graduate Education Task Force for the specific purpose of establishing a strategic plan to develop, expand, cultivate, and foster graduate education at Ferris.

The UGPC also discussed the "2010 Michigan Graduate Education Day" held in the State Capital in Lansing on April 12, noting the need to have a coordinated effort at the University level to involve graduate programs in a systematic manner with activities such as this.

There was some discussion about moving from Printed theses to Electronic ones in FLITE. Further discussion and policy changes are needed.

Some dialogue took place regarding the Graduate Assistant Policy, but further work is still needed.

The Council reviewed several graduate curriculum changes. These reviews included the following:

1. Graduate Capstone Sequence Restructuring...from the School of Education Graduate Curriculum Committee.
December 2009. Supported with concern that cutting out the research component of a master's degree program may not be a wise move.
2. MBA Proposal (Create sustainability course & internship, update process mgmt course, realign certificate).
December 2009. Support.
3. Reduction of Credits from 39 to 31 for Master of Education Degree – Curriculum & Instruction with the Reading Endorsement Option (BR Endorsement).
February 2010. Support.
4. MISM/MMBA-Project Management course prefix change from MMBA to MISM
January 2010. Support.
5. A new “MISM Project Management Certificate”
March 2010. Support.

The UGPC recognizes the new Professional Doctorate in Community College Leadership program and encourages the Academic Senate to appoint a UGPC member to represent the new EdD program.

The UGPC continues to be extremely concerned about policy formation to handle doctoral education. As stated last year, the University must lay down a solid foundation to ensure that doctoral education has the guidance necessary to meet national standards and maintain the highest program integrity.

Respectfully submitted,

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