

## Graduate Committee Annual Report 2013-14

The Graduate Committee is the only committee, as far as I know, that makes reports twice a year – in the fall graduate faculty meeting and the spring grad faculty meeting.

### Fall semester:

- The Committee set a schedule to review all MA programs in the College to determine how often courses are offered, the number of students enrolled, chairs, etc
- The Committee worked throughout the semester to define and document the duties of the Graduate Coordinators
- The Committee chose the International Student Award winners
- The Committee chose the Doctoral Mentoring Award nominee for the College
- The Committee discussed and voted on allowing on-campus students to take our distance course offerings – Advertising, Public Relations and Telecommunication approved
- The JM/TC professional MA program was suspended until the needs and focus are reevaluated
- Folding the law program into the Journalism Department as a sub-specialty was discussed; Committee voted to approve – take to Graduate Faculty for vote
- Allowing C+ grades for MA students was discussed; Committee voted to approve – take to Graduate Faculty for vote
- The Committee discussed and voted to approve combining graduate research methods classes – take to Graduate Faculty for vote
- The Committee voted to change minimums on the TOEFL total and Speak sections to 90 and 26, respectively – take to Graduate Faculty for vote
- The Committee voted to require all doctoral students to take at least one graduate-level statistics course

Spring semester, the committee met every week since the beginning of the semester to review Doctoral Admissions files.