

# FINAL SENATE SPRING REPORT 2017-18

## GRADUATE COMMITTEE

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

Fall semester 2017 and Spring semester 2018:

- Reviewed and chose the International Student Award winners
- Reviewed and chose the Doctoral Mentoring Award nominee for the College (Morris)
- Will review and choose Spring grad student awards
  - Outstanding grad student teacher
  - Outstanding MA student
- Reviewed and approved graduation with distinction applicants (Fall); will approve for Spring and Summer semesters
- Defense attendance policy
- PhD funding – update from 1/31/18
- PhD degree planning group
- TA mid-term evaluations
- PhD qualifying exams changes discussions – ongoing
- Graduate Coordinator self-evaluations
- Boot Camp - rework
- Chose 5 Preeminence Graduate School Doctoral Assistantship Awards
- Ongoing discussion regarding alternative dissertation formats – committee formed, meeting next week
- Developed and will hold second annual Doctoral Visitation days
- Approved combined degree plans for all departments

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

Continuing/new items for 2018-19

- 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
- Other items as they arise