**GRADUATE FACULTY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**December 15, 2017**

In Attendance Jim Artesani, Richard Ackerman, Elizabeth Allan, Susan Bennett-Armistead, Janet Fairman, Kathleen Gillon, Mary Ellin Logue, Ian Mette, Patrick Womac

1. Project X Training was provided- new application system for the graduate school.

Crystal Burgess and Lauren Dupee from the graduate school joined us to demonstrate how to access and work in the Target X software.

1. Ed.D. in Educational Leadership Presentation (Mette & Ackerman)

Educational leadership is bringing back the EdD in Educational Leadership. It had not been sun-setted.

The students the EDL Program are serving now are practitioners. This change occurred after a yearlong conversation about how to best provide a quality doctoral program.

They envision offering 5 courses per year.

The goal is to produce scholarly practitioners. The plan is for students to complete the course work in 2.5 years with a process that would result in a portfolio along with a qualifying paper and complete the dissertation in the final year. This includes coming to class to provide an individualized support structure to complete their dissertation rather then setting them off on their own where many practitioners struggle.

Workforce Development Opportunity - as the student is completing their dissertation they have the opportunity to complete a Superintendent Internship, which would be connected to what they are doing with their dissertation and practice, or they could take part in a Curriculum Coordinator Internship. This would help faculty to grow the program and put their best foot forward toward supporting practitioners in the state.

Will accept 12-15 students.

Vote to re-launch EDL Ed.D.

Motion by Ian Mette, seconded by Susan Bennett-Armistead.

*Unanimously approved.*

1. Graduate Research Course Schedule – Janet F. sent out the schedules of research courses.

She will find a central place to post this so everyone will have access to the most current schedules.

February GAC Meeting will be used as a Doctoral Oversight Committee to discuss Research Courses and issues pertaining to doctoral programs.

1. Items from Graduate School
	1. Graduate Commencement Ceremony -Previously known as the hooding ceremony will be in the Performing Arts Center, faculty would be up on the stage, would begin about 3:00 on the Friday afternoon of commencement weekend. Doctoral students will be acknowledged, but hooded on Saturday. Master’s and CAS will be hooded Friday evening.
	2. UMaine Gold Still in the development process.
	3. UMS Business School Update - rejected at Faculty Senate, but is moving forward.
2. Faculty/Staff webpage Casey Kelly is developing a website for faculty, the initial draft has been shared. There will be a place where we will begin posting GAC minutes and information about the upcoming meeting. There will be links there for faculty and staff.

Change January GAC meeting to be a Doctoral Oversight Committee meeting.

**Meeting Dates and Locations**

1/26         159 Shibles Hall

2/16          221A Merrill Hall

3/23         159 Shibles Hall

4/20         221A  Merrill Hall

5/18         159 Shibles Hall