Background:
The GSC received a Major Curricular Change Form from the College of Nursing requesting approval to curricular changes in the Doctor of Nursing Practice. The request was approved by the Catalog Subcommittee on 09/11/14. Several new and revised DNP courses were approved by GSC and the Faculty Senate in the Spring of 2014 and this submission is to approve the changes to the overall requirements of the DNP curriculum at the programmatic level.

Reviewer Comments:
- The rationale for the curricular changes are well justified and are consistent with the WSU Graduate School requirements, the accrediting organization and the recommendation of several expert nursing panels.
- Changes to the content and credit hours for individual courses are well documented and explained.
- The requirements for each of the seven tracks are well described and are listed in detail.
- During the review, questions were raised about
  - whether changes have been made to the overall credit hour requirements that were originally approved for each of the individual tracks, and
  - whether the changes listed will be retroactively applied to students currently enrolled in the DNP or whether this will be implemented in the student who entered the program in the fall of 2014.
- After contacting Dr Fitzgerald and consulting with Drs Sturko and Carris, it was eventually confirmed that the credit hours are consistent with what had already been approved by GSC and Faculty Senate, and that the changes had indeed been applied retroactively to students who were already in the DNP.

Reviewer’s Final Assessment:
The submission for a Major Curricular Change to the Doctor of Nursing Practice is appropriate and well justified and clearly enhances the graduate experience for students in the DNP program. The curricular changes had already been applied retroactively to students who were already in the DNP and several of these students will graduate in December 2014. Therefore, as the DNP curricular change request is well documented, well described and appropriate, and approval of these changes was delayed by administrative miscommunications, these revisions should be approved and sent to the Faculty Senate without delay for their review.

The Motions:
We move to approve the Doctor of Nursing Practice Curricular Changes.