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UGC Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), J. Marshall, S. Susan, N. Mahalik, M. Lopez, S. Church, N. Wang

Guests: Alam Hassan (Interim Dean), Alex Liu (Graduate Coordinator) and Todd Wilson (Chair)

Excused Absent: S. Tracz

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in TA 117.

1. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of November 14, 2017.
2. Agenda: MSC to approve the agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements
	1. Lopez: UGC Holiday Get together on 12/13/2017 from 5 to 7 at Mad Duck.
	2. Lopez: Grad Net research grant application due on 01/24/2018
	3. Lopez: Grad Net Internship grant application due on 02/01/2018

IV). Review of Computer Science graduate program

**Question**: Any change of the CS program in last several years. (Dr. Wilson)

**Answer**: Changes based on the economic, CS has more graduate students from India when economy is good, it shrinks when it is bad. (Dr. Liu)

**Question**: Any change of the enrollment procedures (Dr. Wilson)

**Answer**: Current the program has 53-58 graduate students, and a new extra criterion is that 3 recommendation letters are required now for each of the applicants. (Dr. Liu)

**Question**: Any change of the enrollment procedures (Dr. Wilson)

**Answer**: Current the program has 53-58 graduate students, and 3 recommendation letters are required now for the applicants. (Dr. Todd Wilson)

**Question**: Status of the faculty members (Dr. Wilson, Dr. Mahalik)

**Answer**: They have 5-6 faculty members and is hiring another one. Two more will be hired in next year. The dean’s office always supports the program (Dr. Todd Wilson)

**Question**: Why students need to take technical electives from other dept. s (Dr. Lopez)

**Answer**: Students can choose their electives from other dept. s based on their interests, it provides flexibility for the students. Limit number of electives due to limit faculty members. It is case to case. (Dr. Liu, Dr. Todd Wilson)

**Question**: Why an important course, Computer Graphic is not offering timely now? why students need to use lab in IT building. (Dr. Mahalik)

**Answer**: Many years ago, the course is offered by a permanent faculty. Now a temporary faculty can offer it and hopefully a tenure track faculty will be hired to offer it. New labs has been updated for the students. (Dr. Liu, Dr. Todd Wilson)

**Question**: Do you have enough computer labs (Dr. Wilson)

**Answer**: Currently they have room 201 for lower division labs, 205 as hybrid lab for the students to use their laptops, and IT 104 for other computer labs. (Dr. Todd Wilson)

**Question**: student graduation process. (Dr. Susan)

**Answer**: they can choose passing a comprehensive exam or through research projects and thesis. The proposal for their final projects and thesis need to be approved for quality control. (Dr. Liu)

**Question**: Do you have problem on hiring process. (Dr. Church)

**Answer**: the market is competitive, industry offers more salary. (Dr. Liu)

**Question**: Source of the graduate students, how many from domestic. (Dr. Wilson, Dr. Susan)

**Answer**: Most from international, especially India. Domestic undergraduate students most like find a job after graduation. They have around 415 undergraduate students and will work on recruitment. (Dr. Liu)

**Question**: How non major students do in graduate study (Dr. Mahalik)

**Answer**: Those who have working experience or work hard perform well, while others struggle in low level courses. (Dr. Liu)

**Question**: How about technician and software requirement. (Dr. Wilson)

**Answer**: Due to the nature of Computer Science, they don’t really need a technician. Most of the software they need are open source and they buy if they need. (Dr. Todd Wilson)

**Question**: Recruitment problem, is it special here or it is national problem? (Dr. Lopez)

**Answer**: Their enrollment is stable now with the international students, but they will study more. (Dr. Liu)

**Question**: Why two year graduation rate is 45%? (Dr. Susan, Dr. Marshall)

**Answer**: Some non-majors need to make up prerequites, some failed the comprehensive exam, some did finish their final projects. First time pass rate of the comprehensive is 70-80%. (Dr. Liu)

**Question**: Assessment of the comprehensive exams. (Dr. Wilson)

**Answer**: It is different and they don’t know how to assess it. They are seeking suggestions and help. (Dr. Liu)

**Question**: Advisory board activities? (Dr. Wilson)

**Answer**: The advisory board was not active in last couple of years but they are putting it back to order. (Dr. Todd)

**Question**: Do you work with the career center for student internship or placement? (Dr. Lopez)

**Answer**: It is working well now. Dr. Lopez offers help in this matter. (Dr. Todd)

**Question**: Where do the international students go after graduation? (Dr. Wilson)

**Answer**: Most of them found job in bay area, LA, TX or local companies, including big names like Apple, HP and Facebook. (Dr. Liu)

**Question**: Any other information? (Dr. Wilson)

**Answer**: Dr. Hassan appreciate the effort from the Computer Science department. Dr. Liu and Dr. Todd thank the support from the dean’s office.

V.) Recommendation from the UGC committee

MSC: Vote to approve the MS in Computer Science as a program of quality and promise.

VI.) Motion to adjourn at 2:50 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the University Graduate Committee is Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in TA 117.

Agenda

Approval of the November 28, 2017 Minutes

Approval of the Agenda

Communications and Announcements

 Semester agenda

Discussion of Options Elevations in Deaf Education and Speech Language Pathology

Preparation for program review of M.A. Communications.