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Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), J. Marshall (ex officio), K. Capehart, T. Lopez, P. Mahalik, D. Walker, N. Wang, S. Church,

Members Excused: S. Tracz and T. Lopez

Guests: Oscar Vega, Graduate Coordinator, Math

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm by M. Wilson

1. Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2018, meeting

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Communications and Announcements:

- No new announcements from Dr. Marshall

- Dr. Wilson announced we are still waiting for news from early education; criminology people agreed to come to UGC meeting on 12/04/2018. The UGC committee will meet discuss questions for the program prior to that date; no UGC meeting on 10/30/2018.

2:15: MA-MS of Mathematic program

* M. Wilson asked Dr. Vega from the Math department to go over the changes they made. Dr. Vega briefly introduced that they have removed non-math courses from their program and added two to three new courses. They are offering two options; teaching and traditional. However the teaching option is weak, and only has one student at the moment. Students in either option need to take two core courses and 2 other courses from 4 courses. Now they have in total about 15 students and are offering 4 courses per semester that can be covered by current faculty.
* J. Marshall and M. Wilson asked about the structure of the 30 units. O. Vega stated there are 2 core courses and 2 required courses (from four courses), or 12 units plus 290 and 298 independent and project/thesis and other elective courses; the students can take math courses or physics courses.
* J. Marshall asked why the teaching option is important but has only one student. O. Vega stated most of their students try to find a teaching job in local community colleges, at the same time. Recently it is harder for their students with the teaching option to find the job, mainly due to the quality of the option.
* J. Marshall indicated that the traditional option is better than the teaching option and therefore suggested the Math department to consider eliminating the teaching option given the low enrollment. They can offer four core courses now. O. Vega said he will need to talk the Chair and department regarding this.

* J. Marshall and M. Wilson asked about their enrollment and plan for improvement. O. Vega said they used to have 30 students but dropped to around 15 in recent years. He plan to go to different universities, such as Fresno Pacific, CSU Bakersfield and UC Merced to recruit students; they will place more emphasis on research and provide the students with a bridge to Ph.D. studies; They will also apply for grants for the students, including low income students, and encourage undergraduate students to continue their study at the graduate level.
* D. Walker asked about collaboration with the community colleges. O. Vega stated many teachers there are from our programs and we have good relationships with them.
* P. Mahalik suggested adding statistic courses.
* M. Wilson indicated the Math department has made a lot effort to enhance the program and asked O. Vega to talk to the Chair and consider the suggestions from the UGC committee.

The Committee voted and approved the ABA Elevation with a condition that all minor problems pointed out by the UGC committee will be addressed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

The next meeting is planned for Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 2:00 pm in TA 117.

Agenda for next meeting:

1. Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2018, meeting  
2. Approval of Agenda

3. Communications and Announcements

4. Discussion and development of questions for the Criminology Program Review