MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE

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Members Present: M. Wilson, J. Marshall, K. Capeheart, P. Mahalik, N. Wang, S. Church, T. Lopez, D. Walker, S. Tracz

Guests: Sarah Lam, International Admissions, and Cheryl Chan from American English Institute:

2pm: Meeting called to order by Chair, Dr. Wilson

1. Motion to approve minutes
2. Motion to approve agenda (as amended).
3. Communications and Announcements:

* Kevin and Deb re-elected to UGC
* David Lent elected from Science and Math
* Reappointed to Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee: Steven Hart, Hollianne Marshall

2:10 pm: Guests, Dr. Lam and Dr. Chan joined Committee. Hard copies were provided of materials that they had forwarded.

* Guests provided to the Committee a detailed explanation of the different English Language Proficiency tests, advantages and disadvantages of each, and responded to questions about correlation between tests. They also acknowledged that they’re simply asking for formal approval from the committee to do something they’ve already been doing. They are **asking approval to continue to use two other tests, the PTE and the ITAP, in addition to the IELTS and TOEFL, to assess English language proficiency for academic work from international applicants. They would also like to change ITEP minimum score to 4.5 from 5.0 and formally approve PTE minimum score of 53 (which is the current standard).** Detailed notes on this discussion are below, included beneath minutes for the Committee’s discussion of Psychology.

2:45 pm Discussion concluded and guests were excused

* Dr. Lopez motioned to vote yes for proposal and all approved. Dr. Wilson agreed to write letter of confirmation.
* Dr. Wilson noted that we have a proposal for a MS in Athletic Training. It was submitted in the Fall but was not followed up. It won’t be approved this semester, but we can at least begin the process. Committee agreed to meet on Tuesday, May 14 to consider proposal.

2:50 pm Committee moved on to discussion of Program Review materials from Psychology. Two graduate programs, almost 3, all reviewed separately. Materials are all included in one team report, which the Committee noted did not the follow clear guidelines from UGC and others. Committee recognizes that we’ll need to make different recommendations for the MA and EdS separately. Full notes are included below. Here is a summary of the Committee’s somewhat abbreviated discussions:

- Commendation on overall quality and success of programs

- Committee noted that the MA Program in Experimental and Research is a niche program but turns out excellent researchers.

- Faculty: Committee confirmed that they need to hire more faculty to support the School Psychology program.

- Space: Also a need identified by the Committee, especially given the large numbers of majors. Space for teaching and, especially, research is a significant challenge.

- Curriculum: Some concerns were raised over the overlap of the proposed emphasis in Research Design Analysis (RDA) with programs in Education. Committee recognized that one big question concerns the future of the General/Experimental Masters once the ABA option becomes independent in terms of how they will recruit and retain enough students to keep the program viable.

3:03 pm: Move to adjourn

The next scheduled meeting of the University Graduate Committee is Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in TA 117.

Agenda for next meeting:

1. Approval of Minutes from April 2,3 2019, meeting  
2. Approval of Agenda

3. Communications and Announcements

4. Meet with team from Psychology

5. Nominations for UGC Chair for 2019-2020