# MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE

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Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), S. Witte, M. Lopez, A. Nambiar, R. Raeisi, P. Trueblood, T. Wein, D. Vera, C. Fry Bohlin, H. Vang

Guests: Chuck Radke

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

Agenda:

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the minutes of 10/15/13
2. Approval of the agenda for 11/5/2013
3. Communications and Announcements:
	1. Dean Witte announced that the graduate office will be moving to Thomas room 132
	2. Dean Witte announced the CSU meeting for graduate deans 11/13/13
	3. Dean Witte commended Dr. Trueblood and the Doctoral program in Physical Therapy for its recent ranking: #8 in the U.S and #1 in California by students according to [graduateschools.com](http://graduateschools.com).
4. Discussion on alternative format for thesis (cont.): Chuck Radke 2:10-2:45 pm

Mr. Radke explained how thesis being published through the library can also be published in a journal (at least a portion of it). He also indicated that a template could be set up to account for an alternative format thesis of two manuscripts (manuscripts format).

Members of the committee pointed out that the alternative format (manuscripts format) should be available as another option to students who would be interested in writing articles in lieu of the traditional thesis format.

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Members of the committee expressed the need to have more specific guidelines for the manuscripts format (e.g. content, original research, numbers of pages). Articles included in the thesis should be related to core knowledge or have a unifying theme. Concerns about lower standards were brought up.

The committee agreed to further discuss the alternative format for thesis before making a final recommendation.

1. Graduate committee membership and sabbaticals will be discussed in a future UGC meeting.
2. MSC: to adjourn at 3:05 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting for the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 2:00 pm in Thomas 117.

Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of 11/5/13.

2. Approval of the Agenda for 11/12/13.

3. Communications and Announcements

4. Proposal for the Masters of Animal Science Degree program change: time certain: 2:15

5. Comments on WASC Accreditation Working Draft