

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE  
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April 8, 2008

Members Present:            M. Perez (Chair), S. Brown-Welty (Acting Chair),  
D. Dickerson, T. Dull, N. Mahalik, T. Skeen, Z. Wang,  
R. Yazdipour.

Members Absent:            G. Kriehn (excused).

Visitors:                    M. Wilson.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Brown-Welty at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center Room #202.

1.     Minutes.     MSC to approve the Minutes of April 1, 2008 amended as follows:

5.b. B. Last four lines to be modified as: The department has a strong recruitment plan. They expect support such as RAA and RSCA from the Graduate Division.

5.c.2. What is the percentage of graduation rate?

5.4. Graduate Dean Dickerson suggested development of 200 level courses in order to minimize the usage of undergraduate classes in the graduate program. In this respect, she also commented that the department should look at several objectives. She also discussed the Graduate Faculty Enhancement Awards in detail.

2.     Agenda.     MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.

3.     Communications and Announcements.

None.

4.     The Linguistics Graduate Program.

The followings reflect the committee's views, discussions and recommendations regarding the program.

a.     The committee concurs with the site team and applauds the department in their creation of a solid foundation for future graduates. The committee also notes the department's responsiveness to their students, as well as faculty' support of their graduate students.

- b. The committee would like to see a copy of their Student Outcome Assessment Plan (SOAP) plan.
- c. The committee recommended the department begins implementation of its SOAP plan starting with Fall 2008.
- d. The committee recommended the department to continue the implementation of its recruiting plan.
- e. The committee recommended the department to replace its undergraduate 100-level courses with new 200-level courses that they would develop.
- f. The committee recommended the department to continue discussions about adding a thesis and/or project option.

MSC to approve the Linguistics Program as a program of quality and promise.

5. Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee Appointment.

MSC to appoint Susan Tracz (Education & Human Development) to the Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee.

6. Chair Election for AY 2008-2009.

A discussion took place about election of the chair. An election will be schedule for an upcoming meeting.

MSC to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

Agenda.

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of 4/8/08.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda.
- 3. Communications and Announcements.
- 4. Graduate Curriculum Sub-committee appointment.
- 5. Update from the Division of Graduate Studies.
- 6. Interdisciplinary Studies Masters Degree - Galen Balcon –  
Time Certain 2:20