

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE
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September 2, 2008

Members Present: T. Skeen (Chair), S. Brown-Welty, K. Carey, P. English,
G. Kriehn, N. Mahalik, S. Skelton, Z. Wang, R. Yazdipour.

Members Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Skeen at 2:05 p.m. in the University Center Room #203. The meeting started with new Chair, new Dean and two new Committee Members.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of May 6, 2008.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda of September 2, 2008.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - a. Chair Skeen distributed the list of the members of the Graduate Committee with College/School and email IDs. Two new members S. Skelton (Health and Human Services) and P. English (Social Sciences) were welcomed. Members introduced themselves.
 - b. Dean Carey announced that there are four openings in the Graduate Curriculum Committee (Social Science, Business, Science, and Math).
 - c. Chair Skeen announced that the Senate's Graduate Culture Task Force meeting will be held on Sept. 3rd, 2008. He will update the status of the Task Force in the next meeting.
 - d. Dean Carey distributed the following information:
 - Availability of Fresno State theses electronically.
 - Schedule for the professional development opportunity for graduate students - Fall 2008.
 - Schedule for the graduate faculty development opportunities – Fall 2008.
 - e. Chair Skeen distributed the Graduate program review report for the M.A. in International Relations, and the M.P.A. in Public Administration. The discussion on the review will take place on September 23, 2008. Time certain 2:20 p.m.

4. New Business.

- a. Chair Skeen distributed the Committee report of the last year.
- b. Member Mahalik asked about the student member in the committee. Chair Skeen replied that he will look into it.
- c. Dean Carey informed that she is working on the following proposals.
 - Annual graduate student (MS and Doctoral students) symposium at Fresno State. The DGS with the support of Deans of the colleges will take the lead. The symposium will also involve other Californian Universities.
 - Formation of a Graduate Student Board (GSB). Fresno State does not have a GSB. The board can meet 3-4 times in a year.
 - Cross-listed courses.

Members appreciated the proposals and wanted to discuss them in the subsequent meetings.

- d. Member Brown-Welty suggested that the Graduate Convocation can be held at the beginning of the year. The committee agreed to discuss the issue at a later date.

MSC to adjourn at 2:40 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 9/2/2008.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Graduate Student Board
5. Cross-listed courses.
6. Graduate student convocation.