

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE
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September 16, 2008

Members Present: T. Skeen (Chair), S. Brown-Welty, D. Dickerson,
G. Kriehn, N. Mahalik, S. Skelton, Z. Wang, R. Yazdipour.

Members Absent: P. English (excused).

Visitors: None.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Skeen at 2:04 p.m. In the University Center Room #203.

1. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of September 9, 2008.

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

3. Communications and Announcements:

The graduate student/faculty training events were well attended.

The graduate advising and admissions training will continue in the next few Thursdays or Fridays (see the distributed schedule).

The Graduate Admissions office got new equipments and there have been fast improvements on digitizing / setting up the new system.

4. New Business: Executive session to make appointments to the Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee

MSC to start the executive session at 2:30 pm;

MSC to end the executive session at 2:35 pm.

MSC to appoint the following three faculty members to the university Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee:

Kurt Cline (Social Sciences)

Debbie Kemp (Craig School of Business)

Kevin Miller (Science & Mathematics)

MSC to reappoint the following faculty member to the university Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee.

Mary Barakzai (Health & Human Services)

5. Discussion of the M.A. in International Relations and the M.P.A. in Public Administration.

The Graduate Committee discussed the reports and reviewed comments of the IR and MPA programs.

Issues include the following: The assessment relied on indirect measures; In the 30-unit program, 15 are used for 5 core seminars (not seminar courses), 6 for thesis or take-home comprehensive examinations, and 15 for the stand alone electives (which are not listed). The enrollment has been increasing but the graduation rates are decreasing.

The department visit is scheduled at 2:20 pm during next university Graduate Committee meeting.

6. Graduate/undergraduate cross-listed classes.

MSC to table it to the next university Graduate Committee meeting

7. Graduate student symposium.

Dean Carey will meet with Tom McClanahan this week to discuss potential issues and solutions for the combined conference of Central California Research Symposium and the CSUF Graduate Student Symposium. The results will be discussed in the next university GC meeting

8. Graduate student advisory board.

To be revisited in the next university Graduate Committee meeting

MSC to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 9/16/08.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Discussion of the M.A. in International Relations and the M.P.A. in Public Administration. Department delegation scheduled at 2:20 pm.
5. Graduate/undergraduate cross-listed classes.
6. Graduate student symposium.
7. Graduate student advisory board.