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

Members Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order by Chair T. Skeen at 2:00 p.m. in University Center, Room #203.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of October 21, 2008.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - a. Chair T. Skeen announced that a representative of the nursing department will come to a future meeting to discuss their proposed Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Certification Program.
 - b. At the November 18, 2008 meeting, representatives from the Special Education Department will attend the meeting to discuss their program review (time certain 2:20).
 - c. A request has been directed to the committee from Galen Balcom regarding a denied course substitution for his program of study. This issue will be discussed next week.
4. Discussion of the Program Review of Special Education.
 - a. The committee has a question about the phrase “courses from any dept. on campus” on page 10. Does the program actually mean that any course is acceptable?
 - b. On page 17 regarding the Student Outcome Assessment Plan (SOAP), will the program be implementing the recommendations to have separate assessments for the different credential levels?
 - c. The committee would like clarification about the changes regarding a research class.
 - d. This discussion will continue at next week’s meeting.

5. Department of Nursing Proposed Certificate of Advanced Study.
 - a. The committee believes that a meeting between the departments of nursing and psychology is needed. It was reported that such a meeting was scheduled.
 - i. Does this proposal include courses that overlap with those in Psychology?
 - ii. Could some of the proposed courses be taken in the Dept. of Psychology?
 - b. The committee believes that a meeting between the departments of nursing and counseling is needed to discuss overlapping courses.
 - c. The committee needs clarification about the scope of practice for Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners.
 - d. The committee needs clarification about the distance learning format of the program. Have the university approvals for this format been received or requested? If the Nursing department has not enquired into this issue, they need to contact Digital Campus.
6. Program Review of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Studies.
 - a. Committee member S. Skelton recused himself from the discussion and vote due to his being a member of this department.
 - b. One concern was raised about the SOAP being unified across the undergraduate and graduate programs. The committee believes that an undergraduate and graduate SOAP should be developed by the department.

MSC to approve the Communicative Disorders and Deaf Studies program as a “program of quality and promise.”

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes for 10/28/08.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Discussion of the Proposal for Certificate of Advanced Study Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (time certain 2:20 p.m.)
5. Discussion of interdisciplinary course substitution.