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September 15, 2009

Members Present: T. Skeen (Chair), N. Mahalik, S. Skelton, Z. Wang,
R. Yazdipour.

Members Absent: S. Brown-Welty (excused), K. Carey (excused).

Visitors: Y. Doub and K. Johnson, Arts and Humanities.

The meeting was called to order by Chair T. Skeen at 2:00 p.m. in the Thomas Admin Bldg, Room #117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2009.
2. Agenda: MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Chair T. Skeen mentioned he would follow up with the Senate Office regarding the existing vacancies on the committee. He also said he would obtain and share with the members the survey results related to the Graduate Culture report.

4. The committee then moved to discuss the Spanish Linguistics Option as follows.
 - a. Question was raised regarding the Student Outcome Assessment Plan (SOAP) component of the proposal which was missing from the submitted document. K. Johnson and Y. Doub responded that the SOAP component was still under revision and it would be sent to Chair T. Skeen by Friday. They added the option SOAP was mainly modified after the SOAP for their MA in Spanish. Furthermore, they discussed before the committee the envisioned four goals relative to the option SOAP.
 - b. Question was also raised on the need for the option. The visiting faculty responded that the MA in Spanish did not have any option and the proposed option would add value for students. It would also help their efforts in gaining employment.
 - c. Regarding budget concerns, K. Johnson and Y. Doub clearly stated that the proposed new option would have no budgetary implications whatsoever for the department and/or the school; as the option did not require any new classes or any new resources.

5. Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

MSC to discuss items 5 and 6 on the Agenda at the following meeting.

6. Report on Graduate Culture.

Postponed.

MSC to adjourn at 2:45 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Thomas Admin Bldg, Room #117.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 9/15/09.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee Appointment.
5. Spanish Linguistics Option.
6. Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
7. Report on Graduate Culture.
8. Graduate Research Symposium.