

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE  
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Members Present: M. Wilson(Chair), K. Carey, N. Mahalik,  
M. Stevens, M. Wilson, R. Yazdipour, R. Raeisi, S.  
Brown-Welty, T. Wein

Members Absent: S. Skelton (excused)

Visitors: Peggy Trueblood, Physical Therapy Program

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 2:00 p.m. in TA #117

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of April 5, 2011
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Dean Carey distributed proposal for Doctorate of Nursing Practice received from the Department of Nursing, College of Health and Human Services and communicated that the discussion and recommendation on the proposal need to be done quickly as the committee has only few meetings. Most of the committee members pointed out that the time given was short, but unanimously agreed to review (first reading) it on May 3, 2011 and provide feedback.

Chair Wilson will communicate to the department of Physics that we appreciate their comments and concerns regarding the new "0" unit policy, but we will not be reviewing the issue again at this time.

Dean Carey reminded about the Graduate Research symposium in the Library (May 5, 2011).

4. Proposal for Modification of Degree Program: Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (Time Certain: 2:20).

On proposal for modification of degree program to Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), the committee members asked questions such as program need, program structure, admission

requirements, culminating requirements, and the faculty status to the visitor (Peggy Trueblood ).

Dr. Trueblood stated that there is a demand for 3-year DPT degree in the community. CSU system is the only platform still offers PT programs at the masters level in the nation. The need for change is due to new accreditation standards, current practice, demand to raise the bar (level of education), push from professional activities, and for practitioners to become for autonomous. The PT Department at CSU, Fresno supplies about 60% of local practitioners. Currently the program enrolls cohorts of 24; that is proposed to increase to 32 with the DPT. The department would no longer offer MS program; after 2015 the department would be offering only DPT. A BS is required for the admission into the program, as well as GRE scores, and evidence of experience. It is a 110-unit degree program (Accreditation requires 90 units); 10 prerequisite courses; GPA less than 3.0 will put a student on probation. One new faculty has been hired, and another one expected soon. The program will be run as a self-support program with commensurate fees.

Minor edits were suggests: Chair Wilson suggested for rephrasing the sentence on GRE requirement (5 years). Member Wein suggested some editing on page 8.

MSC to approve the proposal and waive second reading.

MSC to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, May 3, 2011 in TA 117.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 4/26/11.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Proposal for Doctor of Nursing Practice - First Reading.
5. Election of Chair.