

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE
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May 10, 2011

Members Present: S. Brown-Welty, R. Raeisi, M. Stevens, S. Skelton, T. Wein,
M. Wilson.

Members Absent: K. Carey, N. P. Mahalik, R. Yazdipour

Visitors: C. Arokiasamy, J. Marshall, C. Rankin, C. A. Valencia

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 2:03 p.m. in Thomas #117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 5/3/2011 with editorial Corrections.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as submitted.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - a. Lunch at BJ's next Wednesday at 11:30.
 - b. Hooding ceremony at 5:45 on Friday, May 20th.
 - c. Results of previous program reviews were presented by Chair Wilson.
 - i. Food and Nutrition program suspended for two years and an action plan formed to reconstitute the program.
 - ii. Biotechnology program has an action plan that is to be completed in 2017.
 - iii. Animal Science program approved until 2017 but with considerable changes during that time.
4. Program Review: Rehabilitation Counseling at 2:20 p.m.
 - a. Visitors from Rehabilitation Counseling provided a handout summarizing recommendations from their program review.
 - b. The program has 96 graduate students. They have 35-40 graduates per year and admit 50-60 per year. It takes five semesters to complete the program (over half of students complete in this time), but can be completed in four semesters. They indicated employment rate of graduates is more than 90%.
 - c. There was a discussion of the pass rates and procedures for comprehensive examination. Students can take the exam multiple times.
 - d. The faculty has been awarded multiple grants.
 - e. Areas for improvement.

- i. Visitors stated that “SOAP is the biggest weakness,” but a faculty member has been assigned to address this. To date, no data have been provided. It was recommended that the program develop employer and exit surveys and use field evaluations of students for SOAP data. Another source of data is an examination required of persons starting to work in the profession.
 - ii. Faculty members from the program are concerned about the writing competency of some of their graduate students. To date this has been addressed by providing faculty feedback on written work and students being referred to the writing lab. There is a course in technical writing for the profession.
 - f. Moved to recommend the program as “a program of quality and promise.” MSC
5. Motion to waive GRE for Rehabilitation Counseling students in the Criminal Justice Counseling Specialist Certificate of Advanced study as these students already have a master’s degree. MSC

MSC Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Next meeting will be held at the beginning of fall 2011 semester.

The next scheduled meeting for the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, August 30th in TA 117.

Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of 5/10/11.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Approval of representative from College of Social Sciences to serve on the Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee.
5. Discontinuation of Forensic Science program
6. Posthumous degree policy
7. Courses for continuous thesis and project enrollment