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Members Present: J. Constable, P. Amaral, P. Newell, D. Nef, E. Junn, J. Parks

Members Absent: A. Parham

Visitors: Dr. A. Hoff, Dr. M. Barakzai, Dr. M. Russler

The meeting was called to order by Chair Constable at 3:36 p.m. in Thomas 117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 7 September 2011.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Chair Constable provided a brief report on the first FACEL meeting of the year which centered on an update of projects reported on from the last meeting of the Spring 2011 semester dated 4 May 2011.

4. New Business

None presented to the Committee.

5. Discussion of the proposed Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP)

The DNP is being developed as part of a growing national trend to stimulate the number of trained nurses and nurse educators. The confusion regarding the first reading of the proposal was resolved by discussions with Drs. Barakzai and Russler and supported by Dr. A. Hoff, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services. During the course of the wide ranging discussion several points were noted including:

Although the program requires an MS for acceptance, the degree can be in a range of areas outside of a traditional nursing MS (e.g., MBA, Public Health, and Nursing Administration).

The program will operate as a five semester program (F, Sp, Su. F, Sp) during which the summer semester will operate as a stateside program.

The CSU Fresno program is somewhat unique in that (i) it includes three education courses; (ii) it is entirely online; and (iii) it builds on the existing experience and expertise of the DPELFS program.

The Dean of the College of Health and Human Services has pledged support for the program in recognition of the fact that ambitious programs frequently have budget fluctuations as they develop.

MSC to recommend the program be supported as discussed based on the budget provided. The Committee also notes some concern regarding the budget and therefore the program's long term sustainability in that (i) the DNP is underfunded relative to the other doctoral programs present on the CSU Fresno campus; and (ii) the budget is sensitive to the actual number of students enrolling in the program. The Committee recommends that the program's progress be reviewed in three years.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Agenda for Wednesday 21 September 2011.

1. Approval of minutes of 14 September 2011.
2. Approval of agenda for 21 September 2011.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. New Business.