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Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), J. Marshall (Dean), K. Capehart, S. Church, M. Lopez, N. Mahalik, S. Tracz

Members Excused: D. Walker, N. Wang

Guests: Jody Hironaka-Juteau, Dean, College of Health and Human Services

Scott Sailor, Chair, Kinesiology Department

Stephanie Moore, Kinesiology Department

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. in TA 117

1. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of May 7, 2019.
2. Agenda: MSC to approve the agenda
3. Communications and Announcements

* Dean Marshall announced that the CAIFE team tasked with developing the proposal for the Graduate School at Fresno State presented their idea to the President and University Cabinet yesterday. The presentation went very well and the cabinet positively received it. As expected, cabinet members enquired about how institutionalization of GNI initiatives would be sustained. President Castro requested an implementation plan, including a budget and timeline.
* Dean Marshall announced that this academic year’s graduation numbers are setting a record, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. One thousand sixty-one graduate students have applied for graduation. One hundred ninety-four of them completed theses.
* Dean Marshall announced that both the ABA and MFCC elevations to stand-alone programs have been approved by the Chancellor’s office.

1. Program Visit: Proposed M.S. in Athletic Training

* After introductions, Chair Wilson requested a quick summary of the proposal, which Drs. Sailor and Moore offered.
  + The proposal is in response to changes implemented in the profession, which now requires a master’s level degree for licensure.
  + No public university in the state currently offers the AT program at the graduate level, so this is a timely move for Fresno State, who is currently joined in making this change only by CSU Fullerton, San Diego, and Northridge.
* Regarding curriculum, S. Church inquired how the courses proposed for the graduate program differ from those currently offered at the baccalaureate level.
  + Dr. Moore explained that the department has re-though their curricular approach completely.
  + Courses will no longer be topical, but taught in holistic modules that examine each region of the body from injury to rehabilitation. To accomplish this holistic approach, all courses will now be team-taught, leveraging faculty from all areas of expertise in the field. The result will be students with complete understanding of each body part and its effective treatment.
  + Clinical hours are many, but now organized so that they can be completed at the same time as coursework during the first year, while the second year will entail an immersive clinical schedule wherein students receive 8 weeks of course material and 8 weeks of practicum each semester.
* S. Church followed up, asking about funding for unpaid clinicals. Dr. Moore explained that, although no funding is available, the program itself will likely be the least expensive in the state.
* M. Lopez asked how the program expects to maintain enrollment.
  + Dr. Sailor responded that they expect demand to remain the same and/or grow, as students intent on attaining a position in AT will be required to hold this degree.
  + Historically, the program receives more applications than they have available clinical placements. However, the program is preparing for growth by seeking locations across the state, rather than just locally.
  + Dean Hironaka-Juteau added the program will likely attract even more applicants due to 1) the raising of the profession’s profile in the public media and 2) the fact that Dr. Sailor has been inducted into the AT Hall of Fame, bringing greater recognition of the quality of the faculty to teach in this program.
* Regarding pre-requisites, which are substantial, M. Lopez inquired whether pre-reqs will be covered under current KINES undergraduate degrees.
  + Dr. Moore replied that yes, students completing a B.S. in Exercise Science will be able to complete the requirements as part of either currently-required courses or electives.
  + Also, many pre-reqs are required by the accrediting body.
  + Finally, if not a KINES major, applicants would need to complete these requirements prior to application. They would not be conditionally admitted without them, as the time to completion would then be increased exponentially.
* Regarding program assessment, P. Mahalik asked about the source of the 3 career goals listed in the SOAP. Dr. Sailor explained that the goals come directly from the accrediting body.
* S. Church asked whether the program has considered creating an Advisory Board. Dr. Moore responded that yes, they have currently started discussing the need for one and considering how best to put it in place.
* S. Tracz inquired about the request for funds to hire an administrative assistant. Dr. Sailor explained that the program, although stand-alone, will be coordinated by the KINES coordinator. Because the administrative load would basically be doubled, the coordinator will require more robust assistance in that area (admissions, ATC, etc.)
* K. Capehart asked about prospective graduates’ employment.
  + Dr. Sailor explained that, by accreditation standards, graduates must find employment in the discipline within six months.
  + With the current B.S., approximately 80% of graduates achieve employment or further training within the six months. The expectation is that this percentage will grow, as more employers (school districts, the entertainment industry, etc.) begin to require certification.
  + Chair Wilson asked where graduates are currently placed. Dr. Sailor replied that graduates work in professional and educational sports settings, in the entertainment industry (Cirque de Soleil, ballet companies, etc.), and for private companies such as Boeing.
* Dean Marshall inquired whether a WASC screening had been completed to assure that the proposed program will not necessitate substantive university-wide changes. Dr. Sailor responded that no, this step has not been undertaken. Dean Marshall discussed the process.

1. MSC to approve the proposed M.S. in Athletic Training
2. MSC to appoint S. Church as Chair of the University Graduate Committee for AY 2019-2020.
3. MSC to adjourn at 3:04 p.m.

The UGC will reconvene in Fall 2019.