# MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE **(REVISED)**

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Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), S. Brown-Welty, N.P. Mahalik, T. Lopez, R. Raeisi, P. Trueblood, T. Wein, K. Dames (student)

Members Excused: C. Fry Bohlin

Guests: Constance Jones (Chair), Lorin Lachs (faculty), Andrew Hoff, (Interim Dean)

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

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 11/27/2012 with a minor modification as amended.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
   1. The next UGC meeting time was extended to 3:15 PM to include program review discussion.
   2. The Policy on Dual-Listed/Co-Scheduled Courses was moved to the next semester.
4. MSC: Approval of the request from Z. Wang to eliminate the GRE entrance requirement for the GIS Certificate of Advanced Study program.
5. Program Discussion: M.A. and Ed. S. in Psychology
   1. Chair Wilson welcomed the guests and everyone was asked to introduce themselves.
   2. Chair Wilson asked the invitees to provide any update or information for the committee in addition to the program review reports that came to the university graduate committee.
   3. Dr. Jones talked about the M.A. program which has two options: General Experimental and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). She mentioned the possibility of extending the ABA option to a 3 year program, maintaining the thesis option. She stated the review team had done a good job by talking to different students and faculty in the department during the review process. She said that the team has identified that there is a need for faculty because of the current faculty teaching workload, supervising many students, and overworked with thesis. The Autism Center was noted by the review team as a great training and community resource. Dr. Jones

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expressed a current concern was finding a place to relocate the Autism Center.

* 1. Dr. Lachs recognized the current downswing in enrollment in the General Experimental option and stated that he is focusing on recruitment by visiting San Francisco State and working on documents to send to appropriate places across the country to make them aware of the program.
  2. Drs. Jones and Lachs noted that a practicum experience is being explored for the M.A. General Experimental Option to incorporate awareness of career opportunities in the community.
  3. Dr. Wilson expressed satisfaction with the quality of the Ed.S. program and support from the department and college. The program has state and national accreditation and a 100% employment rate among graduates. Curriculum revisions are on-going in response to changes in the field and alumni feedback. The counseling courses are being strengthened and increased collaboration with the ABA program explored. An on-going challenge is the need for another faculty.
  4. Dr. Hoff stated the department chair done an excellent job and also mentioned a solution for the relocation of the Autism Center will be available in January.
  5. The invitees left at 2:45.

1. Discussion and Recommendations for M.A. and Ed. S. in Psychology

After a brief discussion of the GWR and thesis option, the committee decided to defer voting on the M.A. and Ed. S. until the next UGC meeting on December 11, 2012.

1. Dr. Brown-Welty finalized the December 18th for the committee to celebrate the holiday at B J Restaurant during lunch hour.
2. MSC: to adjourn at 2:55 pm.

The next scheduled meeting for the UGC is Tuesday, December 11 at 2:00 PM in TA 117.

Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of 12/04/12
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements
4. Program Review – M. A. Chemistry: 2:15
5. Ed.D. students to discuss potential revision of the program review process and guidelines: 2:45