MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE
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February 8, 2011

Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), K. Carey, N. P. Mahalik, S. Skelton,
                        M. Stevens, Toni Wein, R. Yazdipour

Members Absent: S. Brown-Welty (Excused) and R. Raeisi (Excused)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 2:05 p.m. in Thomas #117.

1.   Minutes.   MSC to approve the Minutes of 01/25/2011 with editorial
                  correction.

2.   Agenda.   MSC to approve the Agenda as amended.

3.   Communications and Announcements.

      A. Chair Wilson mentioned that the off-campus Doctoral Program that
         was approved by the Academic Senate is now with the President for
         approval.

      B. Chair Wilson communicated that Academic Senate approved the
         Engineering Option.

      C. Dean Carey distributed two versions of the sample results of the
         Qualifying Writing Skill Exam of a student (fail and improved
         versions) and mentioned that the Graduate Writing Studio (GWS) is
         serving the students well. She also distributed the data on
         Appointment Slots – Overall usage rate of GWS is 75%.

4.   Executive session.

      MCS to nominate Steven Hart as the member of the Graduate Course
      and Curriculum Sub-committee.

5.   Grading policy on thesis and project.

      The Committee discussed on the results of survey (conducted by Chair
      Wilson). The Committee will bring this issue for discussion in future.

6.   Course validation procedures.

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      Wilson). The Committee will bring this issue for discussion in future.

7.   Zero-Units Revision.

        MSC to eliminate the option to register for Zero units through Global and
        Continuing Education and replace it with 1-6 Units per GS299C.

8.   Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the
        Graduate Committee is Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the
        TA 117. No meeting on 02/22/2011.

Agenda.

1.   Approval of the Minutes of 02/8/11.
2.   Approval of the Agenda.
3.   Communications and Announcements
4.   Course Validation Policy
5.   Letter from Computer Science