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Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), K. Carey N. P. Mahalik,
R. Raeisi, M. Stevens, R. Yazdipour.

Members Absent: S. Skelton (excused), S. Brown-Welty (excused),
Toni Wein (excused).

Visitors: Kevin Miller and Marcee Varela.

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 10/19/2010.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as amended to add a new number # ? Consideration of a petition of Deborah Wiggin-Stevens to validate an additional unit in order to graduate from the Masters program and renumber the remaining item accordingly.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - A. Dean Carey announced that the writing center was going well. Very Positive
 - B. The Chair announced that the program reviews of IT and Animal Science will take place at the next meeting on 11/2/2010
 - C. The Chair announced that we had added two new members to the committee. Reza Raeisi, from Lyles College of Engineering, and Toni Wein for the College of Arts and Humanities.
4. Project Guidelines:
 - A. Dean Carey brought up the need to review and standardize project guidelines Currently there are several different formats. The committee reviewed proposed project guidelines and recommended some changes and additions. Dean Carey will finalize the document and it will be submitted to the committee for a vote at the next meeting.
5. Zero Unit Discussion
 - A. The issue of GS Continuation (Extension) Zero Unit registration was discussed in detail.

- B. Graduate students are required to be continuously enrolled during the academic year until completion of their program.
- C. Currently a graduate student completed all program except the culminating experience can register for Zero Units; the cost to the student is \$350 through global and Continuing Education. This results in a significant savings to the student compared to \$1836 for Post baccalaureate rate for 0-6 units. This is the rate calculated by the GS 299C (Regular University Enrollment).
- D. Students registered for 0 units do not result in any WTU for their supervising faculty. In addition, they are not counted as part of their graduate program nor as a graduate student per the Division of Graduate Studies. Basically these students are invisible as far as accountability, but continue to utilize university resources, including faculty supervision. Furthermore, as the 0 units do not appear on their transcripts, it is challenging to monitor and enforce the continuing registration requirement.
- E. The Zero Units through Global and Continuing Education does not apply to international students; they must register for stateside fees.

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

MSC to adjourn at 2:55 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee will be Tuesday, November 2, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in Thomas #117.

Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of 10/26/10.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Program Review for Masters in Animal Science. Time Certain: 2:10 p.m.
5. Program Review for Masters in Industrial Technology. Time Certain: 2:40p.m.