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Members Present: M. Xiao, K. Johnson, L. Davis, K. Miller, K. Carey

Members Absent: K. Cline (excused), M. Barakzai

Visitors: None

The Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair M. Xiao at 2:02 p.m. in McLane Hall, Room 193.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 12/1/10.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
3. Communication and Announcements.

Meeting Time needs to be reconsidered, because some members are not able to make the currently scheduled time. Thursday mornings at 8.00 AM was suggested. Ming will survey individuals and get back with the membership.

Associate Provost Ellen Junn visited to request committee assistance with the revision of APM 222 (as previously revised in 1993).

Background: Fresno State is one of three campuses participating in a 1-2-1 program with China. However, Chinese students were recently graduated from the Fresno State program in violation of WASC standards (the program was not first accredited through WASC). As a result, WASC imposed a sanction on Fresno State, and has requested that a corrective action be issued which involves the modification of APM 222 to involve more detail.

Requested Tasks:

- Rename the APM 222 to better reflect its content,
- Split policies from procedures, and create separate procedures for undergraduate and graduate curricular development/change,
- Specifically include WASC in the accreditation process, the CSU approval process, and discipline-specific accrediting bodies
- Review and revise the section specifically relating to graduate procedures.

Process: Dean Nef has started to revise the document. A generic policy (APM) should be drafted by undergraduate and graduate curriculum

stakeholders and voted on by the Academic Senate. This subcommittee needs to tighten graduate curricular procedures, as well as language relating to the approval process at institutional, system-wide, and WASC levels. We need to send our final documents to the Senate by the end of March. The Senate should approve the document in April, and it will be sent to WASC no later than May.

Dean Carey will deliver the document to committee members not present today. Please send all comments to Ming.

4. Old Business

Lyles College of Engineering
Second Reading

New Graduate Course Request (Item #26)
Mechanical Engineering
ME 215 Design Optimization of Engineering Systems

MSC to approve with minor revisions to course syllabus

Graduate Course Change or Deletion Request (Item #29)
Mechanical Engineering
ME 227 Advanced Thermodynamics
Change in course description

MSC to approve with minor revisions to course syllabus

College of Arts and Humanities
Third Reading

New Graduate Course Request (Item #60)
Spanish
SPAN 203 Applied Literary Theory

MSC to approve with minor revisions to course syllabus

Catalog Statement Revision Request (Item #66)
Spanish

MSC to approve

5. New Business

College of Science and Mathematics
First Reading

New Graduate Course Request (Item #67)
Computer Science
CSCI 256 Wireless Communications & Mobile Computing

Second Reading Needed

Catalog Statement Revision Request (Item #68)
Computer Science

Second Reading Needed

6. College of Social Sciences
First Reading

Graduate Course Change or Deletion Request (Item #69)
Criminology
CRIM 203 Criminal Justice System
Change in course description

MSC to approve

Graduate Course Change or Deletion Request (Item #70)
Criminology
CRIM 295 Controversial Issues in Crime
Change in course prerequisite

Minor revision requested

MSC to adjourn (2:47 p.m.)