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May 10, 2022

Members Present: M. Lopez (Chair), J. Goto (ex officio), K. Capehart, D. Walker,
A.Hoskins, R. Sias, B.Sethuramasamyraja

Members Excused: D. Lent, G. Sharma

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. on Zoom by Chair M. Lopez

I. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of March 22, 2022

II. Agenda: MSC to approve agenda for May 10, 2022

III. Communications and Announcement

- a. Three members term out of the committee next year. Dr. Lent was reappointed through the election process. Reminder to please advise M. Lopez if you have termed out, no longer intend to represent your college, and no one was elected to your position.
- b. Reinstatement of M. Lopez as Chair of UGC.
- c. Discussion about end of semester gathering- M.Lopez will email committee members with potential dates.
- d. Discussion about the option of meeting in person next year if COVID allows. First meeting will likely be on Zoom, then the committee can vote on whether to meet in person, hybrid or virtually.
- e. M. Lopez received an email about a change to an interdisciplinary MA proposal, but information was missing so this agenda item is postponed until the Fall. J. Goto will ask for a written justification from the student so that the written justification can be added to the records (ML). The change justification is requesting elimination of the MBA courses with substitution with Communication courses (new plan). The student will take Thesis 299 in Fall 2022. K. Capehart states that he suggests the student continue with the changes. M. Lopez questions why this student isn't just getting a communication graduate degree. Discussion ensued about the Interdisciplinary MA and the original plan.
- f. Rachel Stanton from Clinical Rehab and Mental Health Counseling selected as the graduate student rep for the Title 9 task force.
- g. ASI appointed Edgar Padilla as our new graduate student representative for AY 2022-2023.
- h. Amanda Eberlein & Hortencia Uribe, from Graduate Admissions, will be moving to DRGS building next month.
- i. Changes in branding of graduate student support underway.

- j. M. Lopez, Ana Soltero-Lopez, Esteva Parra, and a graduate student collaborating on a scholarly article re: mentoring program for first-year minoritized graduate students.

IV. Discussion: MS Biology program request to change admissions requirements.

- a. Committee discussion - Biology added a statement re: diversity engagement in place of the GRE to achieve a more holistic admissions process. Likely is one of the first Fresno State graduate programs to do this. R.Sias stated that she served as EECO and this is a big focus of the department.
- b. MSC: Approval of Biology request to change admissions requirements.

V. MSC adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the University Graduate Committee is scheduled for September 6, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Agenda

1. Approval of minutes from May 10, 2022
2. Approval of agenda for September 6, 2022
3. Communications and announcements
4. Meeting modality for Fall 2022
5. Appointments to Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee
6. Interdisciplinary Program Change - Korio Matsumoto