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Sept 6, 2022

Members Present: M. López (Chair), J. Goto (ex officio), A. Hoskins,  
B. Sethuramasamyraja, D. Lent, E. Parilla

Members Excused: M. Crawford, G. Sharma, R. Sias

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m. on Zoom by Chair M. López

I. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of May 10, 2022

II. Agenda: MSC to approve agenda for September 6, 2022

III. Communications and Announcement

- a. Dean Goto: CSU Board of Trustees approved the use of Graduate units in the 4+1. This is an update to Title V. A modification of APM will be necessary to account for these new programs.
- b. Dean Goto: Academic Program Approval at the CSU System level will now be twice a year.

IV. Discussion:

- a. UGC meeting modality was discussed. Those in attendance strongly preferred in-person meetings. However, to ensure flexibility for the immediate future a Hy-flex modality will be looked into, and an official vote will be asked for by M. López soon.
- b. Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee has three vacancies and the following have agreed to fill those vacancies: H. Muchalski (CSM), J. Pickering (CSS), M. Mahoney (Kremen).  
MSC: Approved the appointments.
- c. Korio Masumoto has petitioned for a revision of their Interdisciplinary Program. Due to inability to enroll in the planned MBA courses, the petitioner's advisor recommended alternative coursework. A. Hoskins voiced concern about possibility of setting precedence by allowing students to change their plan of studies retroactively. E. Parilla and D. Lent expressed concern that the proposed revision may be quite significant in that it eliminates entirely one of the original Departments that made of the program, Business. It was noted by the committee that the original proposal did not have any committee representation from Business. The minutes of 9/3/19 were reviewed and it was noted that the UGC recommended to the petitioner that they consult with Business and pursue the

addition of a Business faculty member to their graduate committee. The UGC from 2019 did not report and/or failed to follow-up with the student on this suggestion. The original plan of study was approved but details of that approval are not on record. The current UGC committee recognizes that the process may have been mishandled at multiple points throughout the process. Due to the above-mentioned issues, the committee did not want to unfairly treat the petitioner.

MSC: Approved the petition for a revision to Korio Masumoto's Interdisciplinary Program.

- d. The above discussion resulted in M. López suggesting that the Interdisciplinary Program Proposals undergo a review and revision.

MSC: Approved motion that UGC and DRGS to reconsider language and process for Interdisciplinary Program proposal, approval, and review.

MSC: Adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

The next meeting of the University Graduate Committee will be on October 4, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

#### Agenda

1. Approval of minutes from September 6, 2022
2. Approval of agenda for October 4, 2022
3. Communications and announcements
4. Construction Management Classification Change Request
5. Re-consideration Abbreviated Program Review process change request