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April 18, 2023

Members Present: M. López (Chair), J. Goto (ex officio), M. Crawford, A. Hoskins, D. Lent,
R. Sias

Members Excused: E. Parrilla, B.Sethuramasamyraja,

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Chair López.

- I. MSC to approve minutes from March 28, 2023
- II. MSC to approve agenda for April 18, 2023
- III. Communications and announcements:
 - A. Dean Goto: The UGC's ad-hoc awards subcommittee completed their review of nominations for University Graduate Medalist. Awardee will be announced by the president at a special celebration. Thanks to Drs. López, Crawford, and Lent for their service in the subcommittee.
 - B. Dean Goto: CA Assembly Bill 245 is currently under consideration. The bill allows students to choose their preferred first and middle names for their diploma. The last name has to be what is in the system. Students would be responsible for updating this if the AB passes.
- IV. Pending Kinesiology Catalog Change Requests:
 - A. The Department is not yet in compliance with Option minimum common core requirement. UGC reviewed the elevation proposals, but Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee requested changes to / clarification regarding specific courses in each of the three programs to be elevated. GCS has not received the changes and therefore has yet to conduct a second reading.
 - B. Requested changes to remove their standardized test for graduate admission. Committee had voted to approve this but have not sent the memos yet because they are not in compliance. Will hold approval until elevations are completed. Dean Goto will follow up with department.
- V. Discussion: APM 221 - Redlined version questions

- A. Option given for when to graduate with decision left to the campus. Do we want to award the BA once the 120 units are met or do we hold the BA until the MA is completed? Graduations will be decoupled to decrease risk of not completing either of the degrees.
- B. Current blended programs that already exist on our campus? Do we have any now that are not double counting units? Dean Goto: Mechanical Engineering may have a program that exists but no one is in it.

Existing blended program wishing to double count units will need to submit a Blended Program Change proposal, identifying units to be double counted and detailing a completion pathway.
- C. Will programs in the blended program be required to double count the 12 units? Dean Goto: May double count, but not required. Suggestion to copy the language from the Chancellor's office.
- D. Programs need to go through the program approval process for the campus.
- E. Program review: How will programs be assessed and reviewed? Part of the graduate self-study? Joy: Doesn't think we should have a separate process. Should have a review that is part of the regular review process for each degree.
- F. Current Fresno State APM 221 has no language regarding international students. Do we want to have this here? Dean Goto: Yes move from the system proposal into ours so we match this.
- G. Tuition, fees, financial aid: Remain part of the policy but move specific financial aid info to procedure.
- H. Graduate starts after the 120 units, which is when graduate tuition starts. Coordinated with financial aid and DRGS. Currently, there is no report for graduate degree progress; this may be needed to ensure students don't take most of the grad classes but leave an ug class off so they take the grad classes at the ug rate. Policy will remain broad.
- I. Chair López will update the redlined draft and send to everyone for review and vote. Will vote via email unless we have other concerns that arise from the new draft.

MSC: Adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

The next meeting of the University Graduate Committee will be at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2 in TA 117.

Agenda for May 2, 2023

1. Approval of minutes from April 18, 2023
2. Approval of agenda for May 2, 2023

3. Communications and announcements
4. Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee Appointments
5. APM 221 - Policy and Procedures for Blended Bachelor's / Master's programs