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Members Present: M. López (Chair), J. Goto (ex officio), A. Hoskins, B. Sethuramasamyraja,
D. Lent, E. Parrilla, G. Sharma, R. Sias

Members Excused: M. Crawford

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

I. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of September 6, 2022

II. Agenda: MSC to approve agenda for October 4, 2022

III. Communications and announcements

- a. CSU Grad Deans
 - i) New Cycle for Academic Master Plan
 - (1) December Deadline
 - (2) Summer Deadline
- b. 4+1 Changes
 - i) This will affect the APM, which will need to be modified.
 - ii) This needs to be added as an action item in the future.
- c. Earth and Environmental Sciences
 - i) New Proposal for a Masters in Environmental Sciences
 - ii) How is this different than the Geology Program

IV. Construction Management Classification Change Request

- a. The coordinator of the program is willing to meet with the committee if questions arise.
- b. The program seems attractive for international students, which may help students stay at Fresno State longer.
 - i) This program seems to be tied mostly to international students.
 - ii) What is the reason for the decline in domestic applicants from 67% in spring 21% to 3% in fall 22?
 - iii) All committee agrees that we do not need representatives from the program.
- c. East Bay is the other CSU with the MSCM
- d. MSC to approve classification change proposal for the Construction Management Program

V. Re-consideration Abbreviated Program Review process change request

- a. APM 220
 - i) Changes to program review as of 2016

- (1) Previously, programs with national accreditation went through the accrediting body's process and then re-formatted to fit the university template to go through approval levels.
- (2) In response to concerns regarding the onerous nature of the process, an Abbreviated Program Review process was put in place
- ii) DRGS Infographic outlined the new process
 - (1) Take the narrative from the accredited body, they would then submit a memo to University GC and identify where in the narrative specific university requirements were discussed.
 - (2) UGC still part of this review process, and in fact found some concerns regarding specific programs. Usually, this related to issues of campus specific culture/goals/mission vs. accrediting body concerns
- iii) Process was changed again in 2019, this time taking UGC out of the process.
 - (1) In response, UGC requested, in a memo to the Academic Senate, that the process be changed back to 2016 iteration.
 - (2) UGC has been asked to work with the AP&P committee to revise APM 220, to include Abbreviated Program Review procedure we support
 - (i) **Lopez:** Suggest that we have a meeting with the Undergraduate Committee
 - (ii) Having a unified policy for undergrad and graduate
 - 1. However, we may have different concerns as undergrad and graduate
 - (iii) Include what Lopez wrote in the memo as part of the APM
 - (iv) **Lopez** will make the changes in the APM and send it to the committee as a shared document.
- iv) MSC to revise APM 220 to reflect UGC recommendations.

MSC: Adjourned at 2:52 p.m.