# MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE

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Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), S. Brown-Welty, N.P. Mahalik, T. Lopez, R. Raeisi, C. Fry Bohlin, T. Wein

Members Excused: P. Trueblood

Guests: Lyles College of Engineering: Ram Nunna (Dean), Jesus Larralde (Chair), William Wright (faculty), Fayzul Pasha (faculty)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 2:00 p.m. in Thomas #117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 03/05/2013 with a minor modification.
2. Agenda.
   1. Item number 5 (2nd reading for Multilingual and Multicultural Option) was removed from the agenda.
   2. New item added to agenda (Justification for program name change and course name change) from the Counselor Education and Rehabilitation Department.
3. MSC to approve the agenda as modified.
4. Communications and Announcements.
   1. The PSM proposal has been approved by all committees and now is on its way to the Academic Senate.
5. MSC to approve the program name and course name change in the Counselor Education and Rehabilitation Department and waive second reading.
6. First reading of proposal for Water Resources and Environmental Engineering Option in the Civil Engineering and Geomatics Engineering, Lyles College of Engineering.
   1. Chair Wilson welcomed the guests and everyone was asked to introduce themselves.
   2. Chair Wilson asked the invitees to brief the committee on the rationale of the new option proposal in Water Resources and Environmental Engineering in the Civil Engineering Department.

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* 1. Dr. Wright talked about the close relation of structural, soil and water Engineering as well as the student interests in water resources and environmental engineering. He also talked about the popularity and discussion on expansion of water-related curriculum which has been gaining interest in the past few years in campus. He also stated that the new option will equip students with skills needed to solve water and environmental related problems in the region.
  2. There were several questions and suggestions from the members of the graduate committee; about the clarification on undergraduate course requirements, student outcomes and assessment, consistency of new GRE scores, alumni survey and assessment within the culmination options. The committee was satisfied with the presentation and answers given by the guests.
  3. The members of the graduate committee discussed the option after the visitors left the room. The committee took note of the following suggestions in the proposal.

1. Clarify the maximum undergraduate course requirement for the option
2. Integrate assessment procedures for all three culmination options
3. Consistency of new GRE scores within the proposal
4. Consideration of Alumni survey into the SOAP
5. Clarification of graduate writing requirement
6. MSC to approve the first reading of the new option in the Civil Engineering department in Water Resources and Environmental Engineering with waiving the 2nd reading.
7. Discussion of the committee about Doctoral Program in Education Leadership:

A strength noted was the high graduation rate. The UGC was also impressed by the plans for the Center for Research and Publication. The program has an extraordinarily well developed Student Outcomes Assessment Plan.

The UGC echoed the concern of the WASC review committee regarding spreading faculty and administration over three programs: the current program at Fresno State, a joint program in Bakersfield, and an online program planned with CSU Channel Islands. Dean Brown-Welty and Dean Beare noted that the programs were somewhat staggered, with plans for the Bakersfield campus to assume full responsibility in the near future and the online program yet to be implemented. They noted that faculty were “capped” at chairing four dissertations in an effort to share the workload.

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This is a new program with room for growth. The DPELFS received an excellent review from WASC. The UGC committee voted to also recommend the program as one of Exceptional Quality.

1. MSC: to adjourn at 2:55 pm.

The next scheduled meeting for the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, April 2nd at 2:00 PM in TA 117.

Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of 3/12/13

2. Approval of the Agenda.

3. Communications and Announcements.

4. Review of edits to proposed revision of APM 221: Academic Program Review Policy.