# MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE

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

Guests: Department of Mass Communication: K. McCoy (Coordinator of Graduate Program)

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

Agenda:

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 04/2/2013.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the agenda as presented.
3. Communications and Announcements.

1. Dr. Wilson reported that the senate approved the Nursing options and certificate programs.
2. UGC luncheon 5/9/13 at 11:45.
3. Request for Voluntary Suspension of Masters in Communication:

a. Dr. K. McCoy explained the current status of the Masters in Communication and the reasons for requesting suspension. Two determinant factors are: current workload (400+ majors) and small number of faculty member (5 tenured or tenure track returning in the fall). Dr. McCoy also talked about the additional workload of running two searches that will be taking place in the next academic year. There were concerns about the retention in the Department of Mass Communication. Dr. Wilson asked about changes planned for the program when the Department reinstitutes the Masters. Dr. McCoy discussed how it will be more applied.

b. MSC to approve the voluntary suspension of Masters in Communications.

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1. Discussion of changes on policy for initiating Voluntary Suspension of a Graduate Program requested by the Academic Senate.
2. It was agreed there should be no-time line for reinstituting programs.
3. The policy was reformatted.
4. MSC to approve change in policy for initiating Voluntary Suspension of a Graduate Program. The policy will be returned to the Academic Senate next fall.
5. Election of Chair of Graduate Committee.

a. Dr. Wilson was elected as a chair for the academic year 2013-2014.

1. Discussion of tasks accomplished during the year and future plans.

a. Dual listing policy was a major undertaking during the 2012-2013 academic year.

b. The idea of deploying a survey to be completed by program coordinators was discussed.

1. MSC: to adjourn at 2:40 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee TBA