MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE

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Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), J. Marshall, K. Capehart, M. Lopez, N. Mahalik, S. Tracz, D. Walker

Members Excused: S. Church, N. Wang

Guests: Vang Vang, chair of HML faculty assembly

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. in TA 117

1. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of March 26, 2019.
2. Agenda: MSC to approve the agenda
3. Communications and Announcements
   * 1. Dean Marshall announced that a volunteer is needed to help select this year’s University Graduate Medalist. Dr. D. Walker agreed to volunteer, with Dr. NP Mahalik as back up.
4. Discussion of Graduate Interest Group’s request for a member in the UGC

Vang Vang presented the case for a representative of the Henry Madden Library’s Graduate Interest Group to serve in the UGC. The main argument revolves around having the Library cued into program and class needs, so as to better support students and faculty.

UGC members discussed likely pros and cons and voted to recommend to the Faculty Senate the addition of a non-voting HML representative to the committee.

1. Recommendations for the Program in Civil Engineering

Members discussed noted program strengths and needs, based on the review of program documents and the follow-up discussion with program representatives on March 26.

MSC to recognize the program with a Notation of Exceptional Quality.

1. Preliminary Discussion of Construction Management Program Proposal

Members discussed questions to pose to program representatives, who are scheduled to visit on April 9, 2019.

General Questions:

* Delivery method is identified as primarily face-to-face, but program is targeted to working professionals in the field. Why not consider some online delivery?
* Targeted toward professionals who want to move into middle-management. Has there been input from industry that they need middle-managers with MS degrees vs., for example, an MBA?
* Have they considered a 3+2 plan for CM undergrads similar to Engineering?
* 18 units of “foundational courses” for non-CM majors?
* Why the GRE requirement?
* Is there adequate numbers of faculty? 5 total faculty from 3 departments: Do you need more?
* How will the program be overseen? Who will coordinate and what release/compensation will be given? How is this accounted for in the calculations for needed faculty to cover required coursework?

Curriculum:

* Can they explain a bit more about the replacement of 3 BSCM elective courses with MSCM elective courses? How will replacing undergraduate courses with graduate courses impact BSCM students and CM faculty?
* Prerequisites for required electives seem many. What will be the logistics to assure timely completion?
* Several electives are upper-division courses. Does proposal account for fact that courses taken for undergraduate degree cannot be counted for another degree?
* What is the rationale for MBA 232 as a possible elective course?

Assessment

* Table 1 in this section (p.17) does not follow the university template and leads to confusion re: CLOs vs. SLOs.
* The Course Assessment Matrix (p. 18) is empty.

1. MSC to adjourn at 2:32 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the University Graduate Committee is Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in TA 117.

Agenda for next meeting:

1. Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2019, meeting  
2. Approval of Agenda

3. Communications and Announcements

4. Meet with team from the Construction Management Engineering program