MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE

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Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), J. Marshall (ex officio), K. Capehart, T. Lopez, P. Mahalik, D. Walker, N. Wang

Members Excused: S. Church, S. Tracz

Guests: None

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm by M. Wilson

1. Approval of Minutes from October 2, 2018, meeting

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Communications and Announcements

Dean Marshall announced he had met with members of the Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) department to discuss elevation of two of their options (the Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering options of the M.S. in Engineering) to degrees.

Dean Marshall also noted that the program review of the M.S. in Criminology program has just been received and distributed.

Chair Wilson announced that Charles “Chuck” Radke, Fresno State’s Dissertation and Thesis Consultant, distributed the multimodal theses and dissertation guidelines to Graduate Coordinators. Those guidelines were endorsed by our committee at our last meeting.

Chair Wilson also announced that revisions to the proposal to elevate the Early Childhood Education option of the M.A. in Education have not been received by our committee yet. Our committee met with the team behind that proposal at our last meeting and suggested revisions to their proposal at that time, as detailed in the last meeting’s minutes. She will follow up.

Finally, Chair Wilson laid out our committee's upcoming schedule, which is as follows.

October 16 - representatives of the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) option of the M.A. in Psychology will visit to discuss their proposal to elevate that option to a degree.

October 23 - representatives of the Mathematics department will visit our committee to discuss their proposal to convert their M.A. degree to an M.S. degree.

October 30 - there will be no meeting.

November 6, the committee will discuss the proposal to elevate the Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling option of the M.S. in Counseling to a degree. Representatives of that program will be scheduled to visit the committee later in November.

4. ABA Psychology Elevation Discussion

In reviewing the proposal to elevate the ABA option of the M.A. in Psychology to a degree, the following points were raised by committee members.

Drs. Mahalik and Lopez identified possible discrepancies between the description of the program in the elevation proposal, on the one hand, and the catalogue description of the program. Another, relatively minor inconsistency pointed out by Dr. Mahalik is that the “introduced,” “developed,” and “mastered” language for mapping student learning outcomes on p. 3 of the proposal is not consistent with the “introduced,” “reinforced,” and “advanced” language in the curriculum map of the proposed SOAP.

The committee wondered if licensing standards inform the student learning objectives or other aspects of the SOAP.

The committee raised the following concerns about the number of applicants, admits, and graduates, as detailed on p. 4 of the proposal. Questions will be posed on a recruitment plan, the acceptance rubrics or policies and procedures, acceptance to enrollment rate, and time to graduation. A concern is small cohorts for classes and meeting the expected 5 graduates per year as an independent program.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

The next meeting is planned for Tuesday, Oct 16, 2018, at 2:00 pm in TA 117. The ABA Psych Elevation team will visit that meeting.

Agenda for next meeting:

1. Approval of Minutes from October 9, 2018, meeting  
2. Approval of Agenda

3. Communications and Announcements

4. Meeting with team for ABA Psychology Elevation