MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE

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April 28, 2020

Members Present: S. Church (Chair), J. Marshall, K. Capehart, D. Lent, M. Lopez, S. Tracz, D. Walker, N. Wang, Theresa Taliaferro (observer)

Members Excused: N/A

Guests: N/A

Chair Church called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. via Zoom.

1. Minutes: N/A
2. Agenda: MSC to approve the agenda
3. Announcements:
   * + Dean Marshall updated the group on the expected spike in health issues related to COVID. There was discussion about planning to teach classes online. Campus leaders are making available this summer, through the Center for Faculty Excellence, an abbreviated training for teaching online.
4. Approval of Proposal from President Castro and Provost Jimenez-Sandoval to temporarily suspend use of GRE, GMAT and MAT for admissions purposes for Spring 2021 and Fall 2021. Not approved for Fall 2020 since University cannot process or guarantee refunds for testing already completed. Proposal was unanimously approved.
5. Election of new UGC Chair

Chair Church reminded members of the need to elect three new members, Susan Tracz, Nan Wang, and Steven Church have completed their service.

Chair Church called for nominations for the new chair of the committee. Dr. López self-nominated. Having no other nominations, unanimous MSC to elect Dr. López as chair.

1. Preliminary Discussion of MA in Art Program Review

Members discussed the program’s Self Study, Visiting Team Review, and Department Response. Based on the extensive materials presented, especially the department chair’s response to the visiting team’s concerns, the committee identified the following as questions to ask program representatives in their visit to the committee:

* + Cohort size:

Program faculty wish to keep cohorts at no more than 10 students per year. Chair’s response notes the justification as related to faculty workload, in view of theses, projects, and independent studies.

* + - * + What is the faculty-student ratio?
        + How is the current faculty compensation for theses, projects and independent studies allocated?
    - Graduate student recruitment:
      * + Does program target current undergraduates Art?
        + How do they leverage alumni and/or community connections for recruitment purposes?
    - Curriculum:
      * + Three core courses are taught every semester. Based on the small cohort number, how is this sustained / sustainable long term?
        + What is the current maximum number of independent units required / allowed by the program? How does this mesh with policy limit?
    - Advisory Board / Alumni Relations:
      * + Does program currently have an advisory board?
        + Does program keep connected with alumni? Might local alumni serve in such a board?

1. MSC to adjourn at 2:58 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the University Graduate Committee is Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.