MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COMMITTEE

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Members Present: T. Skeen (Chair), M. Wilson, M. Lopez, S. Tracz, R. Raeisi, P. Trueblood, N. Mahalik

Members Excused: J. Marshall

Chair Skeen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in TA #117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the minutes of Feb 28, 2017
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the agenda with the exception that the discussion of abbreviated program review process was tabled. The committee wants to discuss the abbreviated program when Dr. Marshall is present in the UGC meeting.
3. Communications and Announcements

Skeen stated that the academic senate exec committee voted to refer APM 311 teaching associate fee waiver back to graduate committee.

Trueblood invited the UGC members to participate in the 3rd annual DPT Research Symposium and San Joaquin Valley District Meeting that will take place on March 9, 2017.

1. Preliminary Discussion of Math M.A. Program Review:

A lengthy discussion on the review report of the M.A. Degree program in Mathematics took place by the committee members.

Points of discussions by the committee members include:

* Concern about limited number of core courses vs many electives in M.A. Math Traditional Track
* No SLO/assessment data in the current self-study report
* Criteria on converting the M.A to M.S. program.
* Criteria for Math department undergraduate students with BA Degree into an MS Degree
* M.A. Degree vs. getting Math teaching credential
* Concern on offering courses with low student enrollment
* Concern on enrollment and recruitment (How it’s done at other CSU Math Departments)
* Explanation on creating another track
* Attracting their own undergraduate students into the graduate program
* GRE requirement clarification
* Concerns about their need for more computer labs

1. MSC to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m.
2. The next scheduled meeting of the University Graduate Committee is Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in TA 117.

Agenda for the next meeting:

1. Approval of the 3/07 Minutes

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Communications and Announcements

4. Math M.S. program review (Time certain 2:20 p.m.)

5. Preliminary discussion of Physics M.S. program review