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, N. Wang

Members Excused: S. Church

Guests: None

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. in TA 117

1. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of April 3, 2018
2. Agenda: MSC to approve the agenda
3. Communications and Announcements
   1. Dean Marshall reminded that the Central CA Res Symposium is on 4/25/2018 in the University Business Center, Fresno State. This year, record numbers of graduate students are presenting their research in the symposium tomorrow. This includes 130 presentations by masters students and 44 presentations by doctoral students. Graduate presentations are up from 47 in the last year to 130 this year. The total number of presentations are about 290, out of which 80+ are oral presentations and 200+ are posters. Presentations by graduate students are higher than that of undergraduate students. Members applauded the numbers.
   2. Dean Marshall informed that our 3rd Annual Graduate Student and Faculty Mixer will take place in the next week, Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 4 to 7 pm in the Jordan Agricultural Research Center. The Mixer is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate graduate student ambassadors as well as outstanding Thesis and Projects. Presentation will be at 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Dean Marshall invited the Committee members.
   3. Chair Wilson informed that Memo regarding Clinical Rehab has been sent.
4. Reappointment of Qin Fan to the Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee

MSC to reappoint Qin Fan to the Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee.

1. Preparation of questions for the Communicative Disorders Program Review

The Members reviewed the Communicative Disorders Program Review (abbreviated) documents received from the Department of Communicative Sciences and Deaf Studies (College of Health and Human Services) and prepared the questions for the visit by the Communicative Disorders Program Review team visiting the Committee next week, May 1, 2018. The following salient points were discussed, based upon which the questions will be prepared. Chair Wilson will distribute the questions to the Members.

* **Program reviewed by the Accreditation Council:** The Committee observed that CSDS SLP program underwent on-site reaccreditation evaluation by the Counsel on Academic Accreditation. The CAA reaccredited the CSDS SLP program for another 8 years, beginning 12/1/2016 through 11/30/2024. The accreditation report appears to be rigid and thorough. Interviews with the students were not specifically noted. The Department has recently undergone a name change and degree elevation for the SLP program. It appears that the Deaf Education program was not evaluated during this review and no information was included on that option.
* **Website:** Observation: it takes several clicks to arrive at the documents for information.
* **Students and diversity:** The members reviewed the comprehensive OIE data. The CSDS SLP receives good numbers of applications. Some diversity is seen as regards to admitted-students. Little more than 50% admitted-student are White. About 25% students drop out from the program. Completion rate was not addressed in the report.
  + ***Jobs:*** Good success rate with regard to getting a job in the discipline. Students get multiple jobs offers prior to graduation. There are no nearby competing programs and this is a high demand field.
* **Curriculum:** Besides MS in SLP program, the department offers Certification Clinical Competency. However, for MS Program, the course sequencing is not clear and no mention of how the Clinical Training fits into the program.
* **SOAP and data:** The Program has a 41-page SOAP. The SOAP includes assessment and corresponding performance indicators. Also a short version of SOAP was found. The SOAP related data was updated in March 2016. It seems the responses for Alumni and Exit Surveys were poor. The faculty have discussed that matter to include new instruments to close the loop.
* **Faculty:** Good numbers of regular and part time faculty members in the Department and are rich in expertise.
* **Clinical training:** How does the Department/Program schedule clinical supervision in the hospital sites?

1. Nominations for UGC Chair for 2018-2019

No nomination was received. Dean Marshall reminded that everyone, whether new or experienced, in the committee is eligible. Tabled to the next meeting.

1. MSC to adjourn at 3:05 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the University Graduate Committee is Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in TA 117.

1.  Approval of the April 24th, 2018 minutes.

2.  Approval of the Agenda

3.  Communications and Announcements

4. WASC Assessment Competency Rubrics approval

4. Team Visit: Communicative Disorders Program Review

5. Recommendation for Communicative Disorders Program Review

6. Nominations for UGC Chair for 2018-2019