MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE

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December 11, 2018

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

Excused: N. Wang

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

1. Approval of Minutes from Dec. 4, 2018, meeting

Clarification of minutes to “could be” in first paragraph of second page

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Communications and Announcements:

* The Early Education Option Elevation was approved President Castro.
* Holiday UGC meeting at 3pm next Tuesday at Mad Duck

4. Recommendations for Criminology Program Review

MSC: The UGC voted to rate the M.S. in Criminology as a program of Quality and Promise.

Strengths:

Recent outreach efforts by Dr. Marshall have resulted in increasing enrollment to previous levels. The faculty are of the highest quality and attract students from out of state.

Concerns and Recommendations:

1. Historical data shows enrollment has fluctuated, putting the program at risk of long-term sustainability. Recommend continued recruitment efforts.
2. Continue to evaluate the possibility of a dual track in light of fluctuating enrollment and the desire of the Criminology’s Advisory Board.
3. Offering courses online may aide in scheduling and recruitment.
4. Faculty diversity should be a priority of searches.
5. Clarification on the timeline for Graduate Writing Assessment

5. MSC: The UGC voted to approve the request from the Department of Mathematics to change the degree designation of their graduate program from MA to MS.

* All courses reviewed and approved by Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee

6. Spring

* First meeting will be January 22, 2019
* Three program reviews have been received and will be scheduled: Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Social Work.
* Materials from DNP program are anticipated: (1) transition to permanent program from pilot and (2) change from joint program with San Jose to independent program
  + Awaiting approval from pilot program with San Jose; need to elevate pilot to permanent status
  + Legislature has approved permanent and independent DNP; San Jose State does not wish to continue the joint program.
  + Chancellor Office indicated new students can apply to consortium but will be redesigned to Fresno State DNP when approvals are approved.
    - Cohort goal 15-20
    - Self-supporting

The next scheduled meeting of the University Graduate Committee is Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in TA 117.

Agenda for next meeting:

1.         Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2018   
2.         Approval of Agenda

3.         Communications and Announcements

4.         Planning for Spring Semester