MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE

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August 28, 2018

Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), J. Marshall, S. Church, M. Lopez, N. Mahalik, S. Tracz, N. Wang, D. Walker

Members Excused: N/A

Guests: N/A

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. in TA 117

1. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of May 8, 2018
2. Agenda: MSC to approve the agenda
3. Communications and Announcements

* Dean Marshall announced this semester’s coordinators’ meetings, which are scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 8:00-10:00 a.m. and Thursday, November 15, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
* Dean Marshall updated members on the status of the program elevation for Speech Pathology. Currently, the Chancellor’s office is crafting its approval letter.
* Dean Marshall noted that the program elevation process has been further clarified, as an additional step is required. Elevations will need concurrent approval from WASC, to be based on a program memo noting that no substantial changes are being made to the program, so no accreditation issues arise.
* Dean Marshall updated members on the President’s Bold Idea Challenge. Dean Marshall submitted a proposal to create a Graduate School at Fresno State, to serve as an umbrella unit overseeing all graduate student processes and services. A Creativity and Innovation for Excellence (CAIFE) committee has been constituted, with members appointed by the President’s cabinet, to develop and implement the idea. The creation of a Graduate School will allow DRGS to become a unit eligible for philanthropic support, to more effectively institutionalize supports currently offered by the Graduate Net Initiative, and possibly to house certificate of advanced study programs.
* Dr. Lopez announced three funding opportunities through the Graduate Net Initiative, all of which have upcoming deadlines: applications for the Graduate Research Fellowship are due September 19, those for the Graduate Internship Grant are due September 28, and those for the Graduate Research Award are due October 19. Information has already been shared with students via email and social media, and will go out to coordinators ASAP.

1. Chair:

* M. Wilson, currently FERPing, volunteered to continue as committee chair, pending agreement from the Academic Senate.

1. Fall 2017 planning

* On docket:
  + Site visits scheduled for Psychology (currently scheduled for the end of October) and History
  + Early talk of new program – Mass Communication & Journalism M.A. Program
  + Need to follow up on required actions (e.g., M.A. in Communication)
* The tentative schedule of meeting topics for Fall 2018 is as follows:
* September 4 - no meeting
* September 11 – Early Childhood elevation discussion
* September 18 –program visit Early Childhood (tentative)

1. MSC to adjourn at 2:39 p.m.

**The next scheduled meeting of the University Graduate Committee is Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in TA 117.**

Agenda:

1.     Approval of the August 28, 2018 minutes.

2.     Approval of the Agenda

3.     Communications and Announcements

4. Appointment of Corey Whitehead as representative from Arts and Humanities to the Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee

5. Discussion of elevation of Early Education Option