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

Guests: Connie Jones, Chris Meyer, Martin Shapiro

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

1. Approval of Minutes from April 23, 2019, meeting

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Communications and Announcements: The Central California Research Symposium is tomorrow, May 1. Graduate Mixer is Tuesday, May 7 in the Smitcamp Alumni House

### MSC: Appointment of Hubert Muchalski as the representative from the College of Science and Mathematics to the Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee.

4.         Met with team from Psychology to discuss their Program Review

The discussion began with the topic of faculty. Dr. Tracz asked what their plans were to hire two faculty for the School Psychology program, which they described as “critical”. They are currently requesting a search for a school psychology position. Dr. Jones said they would also like search for a person for the faculty as a whole who was expected to be in the areas of experimental/statistics/ research design.

They have sufficient space and could house three more faculty in offices, but then they would be maxed out. School Psych does not have large office space needs. However, they are short of classroom space for graduate courses.

They were asked about the enrollment for the Educational Specialist program. That program is capped by its national accreditation association at 12 candidates per full-time faculty. There are currently 32 students in the program across the three years. They get reasonable applications with about 36 applying each year, of whom they take 10 to 12. Of these, more than half are Hispanic or other minority. Retention is excellent and 100% are employed by graduation with high salaries. The curricular changes in the Ed.S. are minimal with some added counseling and students opting for comprehensive exams instead of projects of theses.

When asked about GE enrollment, they reported that enrollment is around 8 for the new cohort in fall but they hope to get to 10. They have good applications, but some consider this a “fall back” application compared to UCs. Faculty generally take on one to two graduate students for research, but they now have two new enthusiastic faculty so hope to grow some. Courses are offered frequently enough that students can graduate in two years. If there are any course issues, it would be with students having enough access to stats faculty, but they hope to hire in this area. A new neurological psych faculty is teaching multivariate.

The department has been experimenting with a Research Data Analysis track within the GE program for students who are not going on for a PhD. These students often get good jobs with good salaries doing data analysis and other research tasks for local agencies. The classes for this emphasis would be small (6-8) so it should not have an effect on GE enrollment. The psychological faculty will discuss possible collaboration with the Education faculty about the CAS in Research Methods in Kremen, as some of Psych students may want to take the statistical modeling class. Dr. Lopez commented that the Psych students were strong students and very capable in the Graduate Statistics Studio.

The ABA program, currently an option within the MA, has acceptable enrollment and graduation rates. They have accepted 7 students for fall. These students complete and get good jobs. Previously their enrollment was down because they didn’t have as many faculty, but they now have a full complement of ABA faculty. This program is in the process of elevation to an independent program.

The SOAPs are generally acceptable, but the number of goals by programs seems to be unbalanced and may need to be revisited. The ABA program will have its own SOAP when it is elevated.

The various programs have good relationships with the community.

3:00 pm: Move to adjourn

The next scheduled meeting of the University Graduate Committee is Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in TA 117.

Agenda for next meeting:

1. Approval of Minutes from April 30, 2019, meeting  
2. Approval of Agenda

3. Communications and Announcements

4. Recommendations for Psychology

5. Preparation for review of proposal for Masters in Athletic Training

6. Nominations for UGC Chair for 2019-2020