# MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE

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Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), S. Witte, M. Lopez, A. Nambiar, R. Raeisi, P. Trueblood, T. Wein, D. Vera, C. Fry Bohlin, H. Vang

Guests: Steve Rocca, Animal Sciences and Agricultural Education

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

Agenda:

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the minutes of 11/5/13 with amended location
2. Approval of the agenda for 11/12/2013
3. Communications and Announcements:
   1. There will be no meeting the week of Thanksgiving
4. Discussion on proposal for the Masters of Animal Science Degree program change

Dean Witte gave a comprehensive overview of the history of Masters’ programs in the College. This proposed change aims to enhance efficiency and coverage by sharing student populations and faculty resources.

The committee asked for greater specificity of goals, outcomes, and procedures. We recognize that the designers are attempting to enable students to tailor their studies to their individual needs, but want to ensure that the program and their respective specializations are firmly tied to the College. In particular, it was suggested that a smaller number of more tightly restricted classes might form the core so there is a cohesive plan to the program. The committee also asked to be given sample programs for each specialization, of which there are currently five planned.

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5. WASC review comments will be dealt with at the meeting November 19.

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

The next scheduled meeting for the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 2:00 pm in Thomas 117.

Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of 11/12/13.

2. Approval of the agenda for 11/19/13

3. Communications and announcement

4. WASC Sub-Committee on meaning of graduate degree: 2:15

5. Comments on WASC draft document