

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE
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September 29, 2020

Members Present: M. López (Chair), K. Capehart, A. Hoskins, D. Lent, B. Sethuramasamyraja,
Reva Sias, D. Walker, Theresa Taliaferro (observer)

Members Excused: J. Marshall

Guests: N/A

Chair López called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. via Zoom.

- I. Minutes: MSC to approve the minutes from 9/22/2020 as amended
- II. Agenda: MSC to approve the agenda
- III. Updates/Announcements: N/A
- IV. Discussion and Decision on Recommendation for Industrial Technology
 - Identified issues may still exist with development of professionalism and communication. Institutionalize this development in the program to ensure that all students have opportunity to improve and all students meet the minimum requirements.
 - Discussed how this is done in other programs on how to develop skills. D. Lent and M. López provided examples of how this is done in their department, where the methods courses require advisors to play a role in the development of their students, even if they are not teaching the specific courses.
 - Agreed that an increase in faculty and hiring a technician (lab manager) is needed to help meet demand of students and to serve a degree program that is of critical importance and relevance to the Central Valley.
 - Commend the program focus on meeting the local needs of agriculture in the Central Valley.
 - Improve recruitment efforts to increase diversity, specifically, gender diversity. We commend and recognize their efforts to improve diversity and recommend that they investigate additional avenues to enhance diversity. Continue the efforts started in high school populations and extend to junior college and undergraduates in IT at Fresno State.
 - Committee sees the program as very strong and wants to see it continue to get the support it needs.

- Motion to designate MS IT as a program of quality and promise made and seconded. Approved unanimously (B. Sethuramasamyraja abstained).

V. Counseling MS program Review

Discussed briefly the program whether the program is externally reviewed. Tabled discussion until next week.

MSC to adjourn at 2:38 p.m.

The next meeting of the University Graduate Committee is scheduled for October 6, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Agenda:

- Approval of minutes for 9/28/2020
- Approval of agenda
- Updates / Announcements
- Preliminary discussion re: Counseling MS program review