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Members Present: M. Perez (Chair), S. Brown-Welty, D. Dickerson, G. Kriehn,
N. Mahalik, T. Skeen, Z. Wang, R. Yazdipour.

Members Absent: T. Dull (excused).

The meeting was called to order by Chair Perez at 2:03 p.m. in the University Center Room #203.

1. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of March 11, 2008.
2. Agenda: MSC to approve the Agenda as amended to show:
 1. Approval of the Minutes of 3/11/08.
 2. Approval of the Agenda.
 3. Communications and Announcements.
 4. Graduate Culture Task Force.
 5. Master of Science in Linguistics Program Review.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - a. Dr. Dickerson reminded that the workshop on Successful Program Orientations to be held on April 3, 2008 at 12 Noon (USU209) – Graduate Faculty Development Opportunity (Spring 2008)
 - b. Dr. Dickerson announced that the Dining Success Dinner for the students will be held on April 9, at 4:30 – 6:30 pm (The Vintage Room)
 - c. Chair Perez recommended April 22nd as the rescheduled discussion date for Master of Science Geology Program Review.
 - d. Chair Perez will be absent in the next UGC meeting on April 8 due to a site visit from the accrediting body for his graduate program.
4. Graduate Culture Task Force.
 - a. MSC to move to Executive session at 2:10 p.m.
 - b. MSC to move out of Executive Session at 2:15 p.m.
 - c. MSC to appoint Thomas Attard (College of of Enginerring) and Matthew Schulz (Student) to the Graduate Culture Task Force.
 - d. Member R. Yazdipour was requested to suggest a possible member from the Craig Schools of Business.

5. Department of Linguistic Program Review – Time Certain 2:25 p.m.
- a. Chair Perez distributed copies of the Linguistics Graduate Program’s Self-Study. At 2:25 the Department Chair Ellen Lipp and Graduate Coordinator B. Agbayani were invited to the meeting for discussion. Associate Dean College of Art and Humanities Jose A. Diaz joined after a while.
 - b. B. Agbayani explained that the Department has restructured the curriculum. Several new T courses have been introduced in order to increase the options in the program. The Graduate Program also relies on some of the Undergraduate courses. The department has a strong recruitment plan. They expect support such as RAA and RSCA from the Graduate Division.
 - c. The members asked several questions and made remarks on various points.
 - A. (Chair Perez) Tell us about the assessment plan (Brian – explained in detail).
 - B. What is the percentage of graduation rate? (Ellen - 63%)
 - C. (Dean) What are the direct measures of students’ assessment? (Brian - Paper presentation, publications)
 - D. (Dean) What are the career goals of the program? (Ellen - teacher abroad)

Graduate Dean Dickerson suggested development of 200 level courses in order to minimize the usage of undergraduate classes in the graduate program. In this respect, she also commented that the department should look at several objectives. She also discussed the Graduate Faculty Enhancement Awards in detail.

The committee decided to discuss the final recommendation at the next meeting.

MSC to adjourn at 3:05 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 4/1/2008.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Discussion of Linguistics Graduate Program.
5. Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee Appointments.
6. Chair Election of AY 2008-2009.