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

Members Absent: Z. Wang, C. Barnes (Student).

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 10/30/07.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - a. The possibility of a special tuition fee assessment by Business was announced.
 - b. The possibility of a Doctorate in Nursing at CSU-Fresno was announced.
4. Discussion of Physics Program.

The Graduate Committee compliments the Physics Department for excellent student mentoring. The students and the faculty are very active in research and publishing. Recommendations for the Physics program follow:

1. Even though the department aggressively works to secure university support for its graduate students, the student numbers are low. The department is encouraged to pursue graduate student recruitment opportunities.
2. It appears the SOAP has not been updated since 2000. It needs to be revised, updated, and assessment should be formalized, less *ad hoc*. The department needs to make clear

just how this information will be used to improve the program.

3. The department needs to create formal, written project guidelines.
4. The Graduate Committee concurs with the site team recommendation that students would be better served by more faculty members teaching graduate courses.
5. The department should develop a required core and submit it for inclusion in the catalogue.
6. The Graduate Committee recommends approving Physics as a program of quality and promise.

MSC to adjourn at 2:55 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes 11/6/07.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Discussion of the International English Language Testing System.