

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE  
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March 10, 2009

Members Present:                      T. Skeen (Chair), S. Brown-Welty, K. Carey, P. English,  
G. Kriehn, N.P. Mahalik, Z. Wang, R. Yazdipour.

Members Absent:                      S. Skelton (excused).

Visitors:                                      Chuck Radke, Division of Graduate Studies.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Skeen at 2:02 p.m. In the University Center Room #203.

1. Minutes.      MSC to approve the Minutes of March 3, 2009.
2. Agenda.      MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Dean K. Carey announced that there are 7 non-resident student tuition waivers available for the semester.

4. Math Program Review Recommendations.

MSC to approve the Master's Program of Mathematics as a Program of Quality and Promise. The program is commended for: (1) implementing web-based technologies in teaching; (2) creating a sound foundation that has been reinforced by hiring new faculty members in recent years; and (3) investing new efforts to make more students successful in math courses and their future careers in science and engineering.

Recommendations: (1) Connect the program action plan more closely to the SOAP using specific timelines; (2) Create a hiring plan for the next 5-7 years for specialties in the discipline; (3) Encourage continued implementation of the assessment plan.

5. Electronic Publication of Theses (ProQuest) - Chuck Radke (2:20 p.m.)

Chuck Radke reported that ProQuest.com, an electronic information clearing house, has over 700 affiliations (including universities). It publishes student theses (including the full thesis) to its subscribers on the fee basis. One student at CSUF refused to sign off the copyright for ProQuest to publish her thesis. The committee discussed the issue and compared advantages and disadvantages of publishing student thesis with ProQuest.

MSC: The California State University, Fresno does not require students to publish their thesis with ProQuest or any other similar services.

MSC to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 3/10/09.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Civil Engineering program review - Discussion.
5. Language requirement for the English MFA program - Discussion.