

5. Viticulture and Enology Program Review (2:20 p.m. time certain).

Visiting faculty Dr. Sanliang Gu from Viticulture and Enology department arrived at 2:20 p.m. The members asked questions on the following points. Dr. Gu clarified the questions elaborately.

- a. The reason of decrease in the enrollment:
 - Part of the problem is due to faculty retirement. Two professors are not taking graduate students any more.
- b. The status of hiring new faculty members:
 - The search for the Director cum Chair position is ongoing. The department is expecting final approval from the university for the new faculty positions.
- c. Plan for the submission of conversion documents (Pilot MS program to a regular MS program):
 - The conversion documentation is ready. It will move forward in a week.
- d. The justification of flag-ship program:
 - The department is receiving strong support from the industry, although there is no federal support.
- e. 29.4 Million donation vs. Viticulture & Enology research plan:
 - The donation is for the college (to all the departments).
- f. Whether the undergrad and grad students take the same classes:
 - No
- g. Courses offered by the other departments: Any problem?
 - It works well. The other departments are very supportive in this respect. No problems.
- h. Publications in referred journals:
 - The faculty members and the student researchers are doing well.

The committee continued discussion on the Master of Science in Viticulture & Enology. The following points were noted:

- Well written outcome assessment plan.
- Remarkable achievements with limited resources.

MSC to approve the Master of Science in Viticulture & Enology as a program of quality and promise with the following recommendations:

- a. Immediately submit the documentation to convert the program from a pilot program to a regular program;
- b. Improve student recruitment and retention; and
- c. Press for more faculty positions.

MSC to adjourn at 3:05 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee will be Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in Thomas Administration #117.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 05/12/2009.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee Appointment.
5. Discussion of the Graduate Requirement Exam (GRE) waiver.
Review of the interim policy. The following programs opted out:

Counseling
Creative Writing
Education
English
Linguistics
Nursing
Rehabilitation counseling
Social Work
Spanish
Special Ed.

6. Spanish-Linguistic Option – Discussion.