

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE
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September 9, 2008

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

Members Absent: None.

Visitors: None.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Skeen at 2:04 p.m. In the University Center Room #203.

1. Minutes: MSC to approve the minutes of September 2, 2008.
2. Agenda: MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements:

Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee members are appointed by the Graduate Committee. New members are needed from Science and Math, Social Science, and Business. In the future, new appointments should occur the spring semester prior to the next academic year.

A student representative is still missing for the Graduate Committee.

M.A. International Relations, and M.P.A. Public Administration will be discussed with representatives from these programs during the September 23, 2008 meeting: time certain 2:20 p.m.

4. New Business: Graduate Student Board.

There is currently no direct input to the Division of Graduate Studies from graduate students.

Purpose: Form an advisory group of graduate students to provide input to the Dean and the Division of Graduate Studies as a form of feedback for student questions and concerns. The board would meet 3 – 4 times a year.

A list of names will be brought next week from students who are interested in joining the board.

5. Cross-listed Courses.

The Graduate Committee is requesting that a policy be developed regarding dual listing of graduate and undergraduate courses, and will be referring the issue to the Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee.

Issues to Consider:

- a. Requirement of separate syllabi for undergraduate and graduate students in an approved cross listed course, including work load.
- b. Allowances for cross listing of special topics courses.

6. Graduate Student Convocation.

Discussion ensued regarding integrating graduate student research with the California Research Symposium, and the possibility of introducing a graduate student convocation as part of new student orientation.

MSC to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 9/9/08.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Executive session to make appointments to the Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee.
5. Discussion of the M.A. in International Relations and the M.P.A. in Public Administration.
6. Graduate/undergraduate cross-listed classes.
7. Graduate student symposium.
8. Graduate student advisory board.