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November 18, 2008

Members Present: T. Skeen (Chair), S. Brown-Welty, D. Dickerson,
P. English, N. Mahalik, R. Yazdipour.

Members Absent: G. Kriehn (excused), Z. Wang (excused),
S. Skelton (excused).

Visitors: P. Beare, D. Powell, S. Tracz, , C. Torgerson.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Skeen at 2:05 p.m. in the University Center Room #203.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of November 4, 2008.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - a. Chair Skeen distributed the following copies.
 - i. A proposal for pursuing Interdisciplinary Studies Master's Degree Program (Student's name – Juston Points).
 - ii. Proposal for Masters of Science in Child and Family Sciences, College of Agricultural Science & Technology.
 - iii. Self-study program review of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism.
 - b. D. Dickerson pointed out that the discussion on program review for the department of Mass Communication and Journalism can be carried out after receiving a Memo from the Dean's office of the college.
 - c. Interdisciplinary Studies for Master's Degree Programs (Juston Points) will be discussed in Spring 2009.
4. MA in Special Education – Time Certain 2:20 p.m.
 - a. Discussion with the visitors from the Kremen School of Education and Human Development - Time certain 2:20 p.m. Discussions took place on the MA in Special Education:

- i. D. Powell summarized the Special Education Master's Program Review. She explained the three components of the review – program distinctiveness, program curriculum, and the program assessment. The program has evolved to meet the requirements of the students, for example by proposing a comprehensive exam option to go along with the thesis and project options. The committee agrees with the Education Department that more tenure-track faculty are needed; they currently have 2 tenure-track, 1 ABD, 1 full-time lecturer (currently pursuing doctoral study), 1 full-time lecturer (would leaving this semester).

The committee suggested that new electives, as recommended by the reviewers, need to be proposed. The committee recognizes the extensive work the Education Department has already undertaken toward preparing the draft of their Action Plan. D. Dickerson will be working with the department to develop the plan.

5. Holiday Luncheon.

Holiday Luncheon – December 15th (Monday) at 11:30 am at BJ's.

Chair Skeen thanked the visitors.

MSC to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is on Dec. 2nd, 2009 at the University Center, Room #203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 11/18/08.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Special Education.