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May 3, 2011, Minutes prepared by Reza Raeisi

Members Present: S. Brown-Welty, K. Carey, N. P. Mahalik, R. Raeisi, M. Stevens, Toni Wein, M. Wilson, R. Yazdipour

Members Absent: S. Skelton (excused)

Visitors: Mike Russler and Cricket Barakzai from the Department of Nursing

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 2:04 p.m. in Thomas #117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 4/26/2011 with few editorial changes.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as submitted.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Dean Carey reminded the committee about the Graduate Research Symposium scheduled for May 5th. Also, she reminds the committee about the hooding ceremony.

4. Program Approval: Doctorate of Nursing Practice

Chair Wilson asked Dr. Russler for a program overview and history. Dr. Russler talked about the 24 month program which culminates in a Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree in conjunction with the San Jose State University School of Nursing. He stated that a resolution was made at the state level on October 2010, authorizing the California State University system to establish a DNP pilot program at the following three CSU campuses:

1. Fullerton as a base campus with Long Beach and Los Angeles
2. Fresno State as a base campus with San Jose State
3. San Diego State

He stated that the DNP will be based on evidence-based practice with a project rather than dissertation. He distributed the Post Master's DNP Curriculum with discussion of related pedagogy and the model that faculty will teach the program (Faculty will teach only one DNP class in conjunction on doctoral project and the rest of their workload is to teach in undergraduate). Program requirement, admission criteria, doctoral project and other related culminating criteria were shared and discussed among the committee members. The

Nursing Doctoral Program Budget and expense projections was distributed and discussed. There was a concern that approximately 45 graduate students per year might not be feasible. The answer was that the requirement is set from the Office of the Chancellor and there will be two cohorts per year, so class sizes should be manageable. They were confident that with San Jose faculty resources and the Fresno State strong clinical program, there should not be a problem.

The committee raised a question about the faculty release time. The answer was that the faculty will be required to do research and be up to date on professional practices for teaching and supervision of the clinical project; that this is part of establishing the doctoral culture on campus. The committee suggested that the criterion about teaching/research expectation of faculty should be specified and be listed in hiring search process.

After committee deliberations, there was a motion to approve the program with the following recommendations:

1. Determine criteria for membership in the graduate faculty group
2. Create a core of graduate faculty for the DNP program

MSC: to approve the DNP proposal and waive the second reading.

MSC: to adjourn at 3:10 pm.

The next scheduled meeting for the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, May 10th in TA 117.

Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of 5/3/11.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Program Review: Rehab Counseling at 2:20 pm.
5. Proposal to waive GRE for Rehab Counseling students in Criminal Justice Counseling Specialist Certificate of Advanced study.