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February 14, 2012

Members Present: M. Wilson, M. Stevens, R. Yazdipour, P. Trueblood, R. Raeisi

Members Excused: S. Brown-Welty, Toni Wein, C. Fry Bohlin,
N. P. Mahalik

Visitors: Dr. Nagy Bengiamin

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 2:00 p.m. in Thomas #117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 02/07/2012
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as submitted
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - a. The new Online MA Program in Communicative Disorders is scheduled for the committee to review on February 28, 2012.
 - b. The committee would also have a follow-up evaluation of the program review for M. S. Mechanical Engineering program on March 6, 2012.
 - c. There will be no meeting next week February 21, 2012.
4. The committee discussed the electrical and computer engineering review panel's report; the Department's and the Dean's responses were also discussed. Dr. Wilson introduced Dr. Bengiamin, Chair of the ECE Department at 2:15 PM. She started a discussion about the healthiness and the success of the program review for MS in engineering with Electrical Engineering as an option.
 - a. Drs. Bengiamin and Raeisi discussed the positive recommendations that they received from the review panel. The committee talked about issues such as students' outcome assessment, admission process, the percentage of engineering women in the program, graduation/retention rate, thesis/project ratio, etc. The program has about 35 graduate students with around 10 graduates per year in the last four years. It takes five semesters to complete the program (over half of students complete on time, and few completed in four semesters. Graduates are in demand and obtaining employment.
 - b. The UGC asked about the needs of the ECE graduate program at this time. Dr. Bengiamin said that scholarship support, travel support and

recognition of the overload work by faculty is very important for the growth of the program. He also said that there is a crucial need for a new faculty member in the computer engineering program. Dr. Bengiamin left at 2:40 PM.

5. Dr. Wilson along with the UGC members further discussed the ECE program review results and efforts.
6. MSC: Moved to recommend the M. S. in Electrical Engineering program as "A program with notation of exceptional quality."
7. MSC: to adjourn at 2:50 pm.

The next scheduled meeting for the Graduate Committee is Tuesday February 28, 2012.

Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of 2/14/12.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Proposal for online program in Deaf Education: 2:15.