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Members Present: C. Fry Bohlin, S. Brown-Welty, N. P. Mahalik, R. Raeisi  
M. Stevens, P. Trueblood, T. Wein, M. Wilson (Chair)

Members excused: R. Yazdipour, F. Moreno

Visitors: Andrew Hoff (Dean, CHHS), Nan Barker (Faculty, Deaf  
Ed), Don Freed (Dept. Chair, CDDS).

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 02/14/2012 with the change of the word from “absent” to “excused”.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as submitted.
3. Communications and Announcements.
  - a. Chair Wilson mentioned that next week’s agenda includes MSME program review.
  - b. Chair Wilson communicated that she had attended the EC meeting on 2/27/2012. The EC asked three committees (UGC, APP, and Budget) to layout the guidelines for addressing the revised recommendations of the Academic Advisory Task Force Recommendations 2012.
  - c. Dean Brown-Welty communicated that the Graduate Research Symposium preparation is going well – planning to (i) invite undergraduate students to attend, (ii) appoint judges for poster session, (iii) invite textbook and software vendors to set up tables.
  - d. Dean Brown-Welty mentioned that no policy on “Program Suspension” is available. She suggested a discussion in future agenda.
  - e. Member Bohlin communicated that the KSOEHD’s “Get the Scoop” recruitment program for potential credential, master’s, and doctoral students that was held in the SSU on 2/27/2012 was a success. There were about 160 attendees.

4. Proposal for online program in Deaf Education.

The visitors and the committee members introduced themselves. Chair Wilson asked the visitors to provide the outline of the proposed online program in MS in Deaf Education. Dr. Freed highlighted that through

this program the department can (i) reach a large number of individuals in geographically isolated areas, (ii) compete with the private university offering similar programs – we have a lower fee structure than the private one, and (iii) attract students from throughout the state. The program (i) is an 80-20 model (20% face-to-face to satisfy laboratory needs), (ii) courses have been approved by TILT and the Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee, (iv) and there are no major budget implications. Visitor Barker answered other questions such as (i) competition (Wein), (ii) tools to be used for teaching (Raehsi), and (iii) WASC approval (Chair Wilson, Dean B-Welty) that the committee members asked. Dean Hoff commented that it will be a well-regarded program in the state of CA. He supports the program.

MCS to approve the first reading of the proposal for an online program in Deaf Education and to waive the second reading.

Chair Wilson will communicate it to the EC, accordingly.

5. MSC: to adjourn at 2:50 pm.

The next scheduled meeting for the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, March 6, 2012 in TA 117.

Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of 2/28/12.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Program Review of MS in Mechanical Engineering.
5. Development of policy for graduate program suspension.