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Members Present: M. Wilson, Chair; S. Brown-Welty; R. Raesi; M. Stevens; P. Trueblood; Toni Wein, R. Yazdipour, N.P. Mahalik.

Members Absent: None

Visitors: None

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 2 p.m. in room TA 117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 8/30/2011.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the revised Agenda. Item 7 was corrected by replacing “dual-listed” with “blended”.
3. Communications and Announcements.

None
4. MSC to go to Executive Session regarding the appointment of a Kremen School of Education representative to the Curriculum Subcommittee. MSC to approve Steve Hart from LEE as the representative to the Curriculum Subcommittee. MSC to exit the Executive Session.
5. Posthumous degree policy - second reading. Discussions followed regarding the revised proposal per last week’s comments and suggestions. MSC to approve the revised proposal. S. Brown will send the approved policy to Paul Oliaro for any due followup.
6. Continuous thesis and project enrollment policy update. Discussions continued around the more complete proposal circulated at the meeting. After further discussions, correction for the “0-unit” on page 1 of the proposal, and recommending the effective start date as Spring 2012, it was MSC’ed to approve the proposal for further processing.
7. Development of policy on blended courses. A proposal along with a copy of the CSU’s existing “Systemwide Expectations for Blended Programs” were distributed at the meeting for discussion and further evaluation.
 - a. S. Brown gave a background on the item.

- b. Discussions around the merits of the proposal ensued.
 - c. It was suggested that the document could be further enriched by having a rationale statement as well as a Criteria section.
 - d. A few typos were also found which will be corrected in the revised draft for the next meeting.
 - e. It was further suggested that the last sentence in the Policy section of the draft be corrected as follows: "The blended program, like any other new program, must go through the University's normal program review processes".
 - f. The draft will be further discussed at the next meeting of the committee.
8. MSC Motion to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting for the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, September 13 in TA 117.

Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of 9/6/11.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Student appeal
5. Development of policy on blended programs – second reading