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September 27, 2011

Members Present: S. Brown-Welty, R. Raeisi, M. Stevens, Toni Wein, M. Wilson,
R. Yazdipour, P. Trueblood

Members Absent: N. P. Mahalik (excused)

Visitors: Mehrdad Shahbazi, Graduate applicant for the MS in
Animal Science Department

Ruth Masters, Keith Clement, Luz Gonzalez and
Xuanning Fu from the College of Social Science

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 09/20/2011
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as submitted.
3. Communications and Announcements.

None

4. Chair Wilson introduced a graduate applicant in the Animal Science department. She stated that the Animal Science Department agreed to whatever condition that the UGC committee recommends. She said that the university admission raised a concern regarding the applicant undergraduate degree and his English proficiency. The applicant passed around a statement of purpose with his resume and detailed his qualifications and many years of his experiences in the field of Veterinary Medicine. The UGC made a recommendation that he be given conditional admission with taking two prerequisite English courses. These courses may be taken concurrently along with program other graduate courses. The graduate coordinator of Animal Science department will make the decision on what courses he will take.
5. Chair Wilson then accepted the visitors from the College of Social Science to present the Department of Criminology's new Certificate of Advanced Study in Homeland Security. They were asked to tell the committee about history and justification of the Certificate of Homeland Security. They discussed the importance and the demands for such a Certificate. They also discussed the curriculum and admission requirements. The committee made a suggestion to include a statement for admission

criteria that applicants to the program should come from related fields or to have a background or appropriate experience.

MSC: The UGC made a motion to waive second reading and approve the program with the first reading.

MSC: To adjourn at 3:00 pm.

No meeting scheduled for next week. The next meeting was scheduled to be on Tuesday, October 10th in TA 117.

Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of 09/27/2011.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - a. Exit Survey Data and Comments
4. Discussion of Interdisciplinary Program of Study
5. GIS Certificate: 2:20 pm
6. Policy for Blended Courses