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March 7, 2023

Members Present: M. López (Chair), J. Goto (ex officio), M. Crawford, D. Lent,
B.Sethuramasamyraja, R. Sias

Members Excused: A.Hoskins, E. Parilla

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chair M. López

- . Minutes: MSC to approve the minutes from January 31, 2023
- . Agenda: MSC to approve the for March 7, 2023
- . Communications and Announcements
 - A. Service terms ending

Chair López shared that Aaron Hoskins (LCOE), Balaji Sethuramasamyraja (JCAST), and Reva Sias (CAH) are terming out at the end of this semester. As per Venita Baker from the Academic Senate office, if they are interested in continuing on the committee, they should respond to the call for service that will be sent to faculty the week of March 6.
 - B. APM 220 – Abbreviated Program Review Policy & Procedure

D. Lent shared that the item remains in Senate. We are unlikely to hear back this semester.
 - C. Upcoming items
 - 1. Interdisciplinary Studies application format

The UGC will discuss and revise current procedures, with a view to strengthen accountability of programs involved. To be discussed in April.
 - 2. Conversion from in-person to completely online graduate program

A number of programs have noted interest in proposing conversion. The UGC will discuss and revise current procedures. To be discussed in April.
- . APM 221 - Policy and Procedures for Blended (4+1) programs
 - Dean Goto reminded members of recent Title V policy change to facilitate double-counting of units between blended Bachelor's and Master's degrees.
 - The UGC has been tasked with reviewing and revising the current campus-wide policy (APM 221) to align with CSU-wide change.

- Additionally, the UGC must review and revise related procedures. Among other questions, we have been tasked with considering whether all programs should have a common admission format, whether students are to be admitted as classified or conditionally classified, how and when the Graduate Writing Requirement is to be met.
- UGC members were assigned to research other CSU campuses' approach to the change.

MSC: Adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

The next meeting of the University Graduate Committee will be at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14 in TA 117.

Agenda for March 14, 2023

1. Approval of minutes from March 7, 2023
2. Approval of agenda for March 14, 2023
3. Communications and announcements
4. APM 221 - Policy and Procedures for Blended (4+1) programs