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March 14, 2023

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

Members Excused: M. Crawford and E. Parrilla

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. on by Chair M. López

- A. MSC to approve minutes from March 7, 2023  
(Motion: Lent; Second: Sethuramasamyraja)
- A. MSC to approve agenda for March 14, 2023  
(Motion: Hoskins; Second: Lent)
- A. Communications and announcements
  - 1. J. Goto shared that Wednesday (March 15th) is the closing date for the President's Graduate Medal. Nominations will be sent to the UGC subcommittee for review.
  - 2. M. López confirmed that the UGC subcommittee will be (1) M. López, (2) D. Lent, and (3) M. Crawford, with the understanding that another UGC member may need to serve if Crawford's student is nominated.
  - 3. M. López confirmed that the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be used by the subcommittee for discussion and review of medalist applications. Only the members of the subcommittee are required to attend.
- A. 4 + 1 Blended Programs (APM 221)
  - 1. M. López had volunteered to use the current APM 221 policy to red-line changes and/or update the policy. However, she realized that further discussion was needed to clarify information, such as the application process, admissions requirements, etc.
  - 2. M. López and D. Lent suggested language that reflects that individual departments will be allowed to determine the specific admissions criteria for their blended programs.
  - 3. UGC members agreed that language should reflect that only undergraduate students (i.e., home campus or transfer) may apply to blended programs.
  - 4. UGC members agreed that language should reflect that undergraduate students must apply to blended programs. Students will need to meet individual admission standards, which are determined by the admitting department.

5. J. Goto pointed out the Chancellor's Office Policy 3.1 as a guide, to facilitate the UGC's revisions and desired language of APM 221.
- B. Research of 4 + 1 Programs at other CSU Campuses & Fresno Working Group Report (See uploaded documents in the shared folder)
1. B. Sethuramasamyraja shared information from blended programs at CSU, San Francisco.
  2. Reflecting on the CSU, San Francisco model, M. López asked J. Goto if she envisioned that all of the blended programs at Fresno State will fall under one category and have a designed coordinator, within the Division of Research and Graduate Studies?
    - A. J. Goto stated that potentially the individual blended program coordinators will be the same as the graduate program advisors in the departments. She does not believe that there will be a separate university-wide blended program coordinator.
    - B. J. Goto also stated that it is ok to duplicate where the blended programs information is located, and should be included in the catalog and websites under both the DRGS and departments, to better assist and offer easy access to information for students and faculty.
  3. D. Lent shared information from the Fresno Blended Programs Working Group.
  4. R. Sias shared information from blended programs at CSU, San Jose.
  5. M. López stated that the UGC might consider the benefits of the current grant (i.e., Title V, part B), as a way to write the identification and appointment of a blended program coordinator, who could oversee the blended programs. López suggested that the university might fund the appointment, from a bureaucratic point of view to aid the departments.
  6. J. Goto stated that the UGC needs to give consideration to the review process for blended programs.
- C. Next Steps: APM 221
1. D. Lent will reach out to members of the Fresno Working Group for more information.
  2. J. Goto and M. López are planning to meet with the Fresno Blended Program Working Group on March 20, 2023, at 1:00 PM.
  3. J. Goto stated that she will give Bernadette Muscat, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and Keith Clement, Chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, a heads-up that the UGC is working on APM 221 revisions.
  4. M. López asked Goto to please let Muscat and Clement know that they may contact her by next Tuesday (March 21<sup>st</sup>), if there is anything that they would like to see in the red-line version, to expedite the APM approval process.
  5. M. López will continue to work on red-line revisions, for a potential vote on the revised APM 221.

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 28 in TA 117.

Agenda for March 28, 2023

1. Approval of minutes from March 14, 2023
2. Approval of agenda for March 28, 2023
3. Communications and announcements
4. Catalog Change – M.S. Kinesiology
5. Catalog Change – M.S. Sports Psychology
6. APM 221 - Policy and Procedures for Blended (4+1) programs