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February 13, 2024

Member Present: M. López (Chair), J. Goto (ex officio), S. Hernandez, A. Hoskins, D. Lent, N. Mahalik, L. Diala, M. Crawford

Members Absent :

Guests: N/A

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair López.

- I. MSC to approve the minutes from February 6, 2024
- II. MSC to approve the agenda for February 13, 2024
- III. Communication and Announcements
 - APM 206 – J. Goto updated Academic Senate Executive Committee on long delays for courses awaiting review. Courses in queue will be moved up for review. MPH is one of the programs that has proposed to go online.
 - APM 220 – D. Lent shared that this was talked about at the Senate
- IV. MA/MS Interdisciplinary Studies
 - Chair M. López discussed the use of language from the other CSU's in editing the policy. J.
 - In all of the CSU programs they use the word "sponsoring" instead of "host". Members were for using the general language.
 - The group discussed the details of how students should approach getting into the program.
 - Discussions on the number of units that can be counted, timeline of program proposal/plan was also discussed. D. Lent, N. Mahalik shared thoughts on the process.
 - Chair M. López raised questions on how application deadlines and timeline for entering the program should be worded.
 - M. Crawford raised questions on the November 1st / April 1st deadlines, citing that some programs would not accept the application based on that deadline. Chair M. López agreed to check the practice by other CSUs.

- D. Lent suggested keeping hard deadlines and assuring that the UGC has a standing meeting towards the end of the semester to consider any applications.
- M. Crawford noted that we need to know how long DRGS needs for review so that it would give our committee the time for the approval ahead of the November 1st deadline. S. Hernandez and A. Hoskins discussed the possibility of having a “priority” deadline. Chair M. López concluded that we leave the language as it is.
- Chair M. López mentioned the need to add language for the person transferring in from an existing program. S. Hernandez raised questions on the term “transferring”. Chair M. López and A. Hoskins explained the rationale for the language.
- Chair M. López brought up the number of units that should be included in the language. Eventually it came down to language from other CSUs, which is that 70% of units must be graduate coursework. J.Goto noted that she would need to see the document being edited to make sure it matches the graduate website.
- Chair M. López brought up the question of conditional admittance. J. Goto clarified that it would not be accepted.
- M. Crawford brought up the question of requiring a thesis as a culminating project.
 - L.Diala noted that the MBA program does not have a thesis component; only projects. The need for the sponsoring program to specify was brought up. The members agreed that the policy should allow either thesis or project.

II. MS Environmental Science – New Program

- Chair M. López brought up the question of the program being a duplicate to Geology, as the courses listed and the SLO’s are the same. Is there a policy disallowing two programs to have the same requirements but different names? Is this related to Executive Order 1071?
 - MSC to return proposal and require that the programs be differentiated.

MSC to adjourn at 3:01 p.m.

The next meeting of the University Graduate Committee will be at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20th in TA 117.

Agenda for February 20, 2024

- I. Approval of minutes from February 13, 2024
- II. Approval of agenda for February 20, 2024
- III. Communications and Announcements
- IV. MA/MS in Interdisciplinary Studies
- V. Option Elevation - MS Mechanical Engineering
- VI. Catalog Change - MS in Food & Nutritional Science

VII. Program Conversion - MA Early Childhood Ed.