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Members Present:	D. Lent (Chair), A. Hoskins, N. Mahalik, D. Calleros, S. Hernandez
Members Absent:	M. Crawford, L. Diala, J. Goto (Ex-officio),

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. by Chair D. Lent

I. MSC: Approved of the minutes for November 19, 2024
II. MSC: Approved of the agenda for December 3, 2024
III. Communication and Announcements - None
IV. Business MBA - Accredited Program Review

The committee reviewed the materials such as MBA Program Review documents 2019-20 through 2023-24 Five-Year Analysis, Student Outcomes Assessment Plan (SOAP), and the AACSB Board of Directors Ratification to extend business accreditation.

A. D. Lent: The five-year analysis is very short. Enrollment diversity has increased and appears good, no concern.
B. S. Hernandez - Significant enrollment fluctuations are observed (50/60/23/29).
C. A. Hoskins - Overall health is good. Do not have any specific drawbacks.
D. N. Mahalik - We need to check if the SOAP is an updated version.
E. D. Calleros - Admission and retention data can be seen from the analysis.

MSC: Voted to approve abbreviated accredited program review Business MBA

V. MA in History - Program Revision

A. D. Lent - The elective revision proposal is to streamline the Comprehensive Examination culminating experience option. Students will take three one-unit instances of HIST 290: Independent Study, one with each of the three examiners. They already have 290. They are not changing any core curriculum, but changing the process.
B. S. Hernandez - Is it (HIST 290) a new course? How do they calculate credit hours for Independent Study? Will there be an extra load on the faculty?
C. A. Hoskin - The new mechanism may allow the development of certain research and scholarly activities.

MSC: Voted to approve the MA in History program revision.

VI. Communication MA - Program Suspension

A. D. Lent - They do not have the resources to run the program based on their proposal. Last year, they decided not to accept the students so there are no new students for AY24-25. It appears as though they currently have only three students. They have to offer several more courses to get the remaining students through. Does suspension affect their ability to offer the courses until all have finished?
B. A. Hoskins - Funding is an issue – no new faculty, GTA coordination not compensated. Suspension approval may cause difficulties in hiring new faculty into the Program/Department if graduate students are not part of the program.
C. S. Hernandez - What can be taken to offer a course to one student?
D. N. Mahalik - The communication program is important in education.

MSC: Voted to approve MA Communication program suspension pending clarification from DRGS on consequences to current students.

Toward the end of the meeting, Chair D. Lent asked if we would have a semester-end get-together on Tuesday meeting time during the Exam week at Mad Duck.

The next meeting of the University Graduate Committee will be at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 in TA 117.

MSC to adjourn at 3:02 p.m.

Agenda for Tuesday, December 3, 2024

I. Approval of minutes from December 3, 2024
II. Approval of agenda for December 10, 2024
III. Communications and Announcements
IV. APM 206
V. MS Interdisciplinary Studies petition.