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September 24, 2024

Members Present: D. Lent (Chair), M. Crawford , S. Hernandez, A. Hoskins, N. Mahalik, &

Members Absent : L. Diala, J. Goto

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chair D. Lent

- I. MSC: Approval of the minutes for September 24, 2024
- II. MSC: Approval of the agenda for October 8, 2024

III. Communication and Announcements

- a. S. Hernandez shared that their Doctoral programs are now allowed to recruit students from outside of California.
- b. S. Hernandez also discussed that tuition & fee waivers for employees does not generate revenue.

IV. MS / MA Interdisciplinary Studies

- a. D. Lent started the discussion on whether or not the chair of the committee needs to be from a graduate program?
- b. A. Hoskins brought up that must be a member of the graduate faculty to chair.
- c. M. Crawford mentioned that must have been a reader before a chair.
- d. D. Lent stated that being from a program with a MS knows the format and expectations while someone from an undergraduate-only program does not have that experience.
- e. A. Hoskins mentioned that it would be unlikely for someone to be a member of the graduate faculty and not a part of a graduate program.
- f. M. Crawford stated that it would not be fair for someone to have the work of being the chair, but only a reader on the committee due to being in an undergraduate-only program.
- g. D. Lent discussed whether or not all GS 296 should be included in the documentation or if only GS 299 (need to add GS 298) should be included.

- h. D. Lent will take edits to J. Goto and will do an email vote if approved.

V. Master of Public Health

- a. D. Lent provided a summary of the changes as part of the email. The proposal is on OnBase rather than Curriculumlog. Most of the items are course revisions.
- b. D. Lent shared that the Provost Office provided funds to convert from hybrid to fully-online. He also shared that the project should be 2 or 4 since cannot take 3 one semester and only take 4 in total. M. Crawford stated that they actually have 2 units in 2 consecutive semesters, so taking 4 is not a real option.
- c. D. Lent would like numbers on exams/projects/thesis to ensure sufficient resources.
- d. M. Crawford asked how it is decided who is allowed to have each type of culminating experience.
- e. D. Lent said that access cannot be denied, so cannot prevent a student from a desired experience. He will reach out and ask for numbers.
- f. S. Hernandez commented that while it is framed as a modality change, there are changes such as courses being added and dropped.
- g. M. Crawford asked what numbers back up the claim that the changes are motivated by student desires.
- h. D. Lent pointed out that the same justification was copy/pasted for all items rather than specifics for each change.
- i. D. Lent will look into why it is an option when there is only one option.
- j. N. Mahalik asked if the changes impact SOAP's. D. Lent will ask for that information.
- k. D. Lent will ask if there are any accreditation issues with the change in modality of the program.
- l. S. Hernandez mentioned that there are form questions that need to be answered for program proposal justification on the DRGS website and that these questions are not answered in the received proposal.

MSC to adjourn at 2:55 p.m.

The next meeting of the University Graduate Committee will be at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15 in TA 117.

Agenda for Tuesday, October 15, 2024

- I. Approval of minutes from October 8, 2024
- II. Approval of agenda for October 15, 2024

- III. Communications and Announcements
- IV. MS/MA Interdisciplinary Studies
- V. Linguistics MA Program Review