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Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), J. Marshall, M. Lopez, P. Trueblood,  
D. Vera, S. Tracz, T. Skeen, M. Lopez, A. Nambiar R.  
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Guests: Jenelle Pitt and Alicia Brown

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in TA 117.

Agenda:

1. MSC to approve the minutes of 04/21/2015 as distributed.
2. MSC to approve the agenda for 04/28/2015.
3. Communications and Announcements:
  - a. Dean Marshall asked the committee to review a request for a *Degree Name Change* for the MS in Animal Science: requesting to change the name from MS in Animal Science to MS in Agricultural Science. Dean Marshall will forward the department's justification for the name change to Chair Wilson to distribute to the committee members. Chair Wilson will check with the department and try to put it on the agenda for next week.
  - b. Committee members asked about the Graduate Research Symposium May 7. Dean Marshall informed the committee that the students presenting have been informed by 2 emails from the Division of Graduate Studies. He confirmed that the reception will be from 4:45-5:30. Judges and moderators will be recruited this week.
4. Name Change Request: Rehabilitation Counseling Program
  - a. Dr. Pitt provided the history and rationale for requesting a name change from MS in Rehabilitation Counseling to MS in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling. As of 2013, two accrediting bodies (Council for Accreditation of Counseling and related Education programs (CACREP) and Council on

Rehabilitation Education (CORE) entered into an agreement to offer rehab counseling programs an opportunity to become dually accredited. To pursue this they must first change the name to MS in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling. This is the first step; curricular changes will follow.

- b. Dr. Pitt and Dr. Brown discussed several advantages for the program, applicants and graduates that this name change and dual accreditation would provide:
  - i. Graduates would have more employment opportunities including many government agencies such as the VA and other federally funded service delivery programs. (Currently their graduates do not have the credentials to seek employment as a rehab counselor at these agencies.)
  - ii. Students will be able to decrease overall time in the program. This is a 60 unit/2-3 year program for the rehabilitation counseling certification; currently students taking approximately an additional year of coursework to receive learning experiences in mental health.
  - iii. Graduates would be eligible to sit for National Counselor Examination if graduating from a CACREP accredited program.
  - iv. A dually accredited program will be much more attractive for applicants.
  - v. Therefore, the program will be more competitive. Other rehabilitation programs in the CSU have already begun this process.
- c. Discussion from the Committee members:
  - i. Question: How much will the current program need to change? Response: Department reviewing curriculum and stated much of the content is already in courses; primarily will need to change course titles to reflect the content being taught in the current courses.
  - ii. Question: Can you do the program in 60 units? Response: Yes, we have several models available (e.g., West Virginia University) to follow who already have dual accredited programs in rehab counseling.
  - iii. Question: What is the timeline and how will it affect current students? Response: The program will post information about seeking dual accreditation on the website. Students entering next year will continue in the current program.

- iv. Question: Is this a recognized program name with Chancellor's office? Response: Yes, there are other programs in CSU system (San Diego and San Francisco) with this program name.
- v. UGC recommendations on Revised Program Description:
  - 1. Spell out CORE
  - 2. Clarify that students seeking the Clinical Counselor credential are taking an additional 24 units (in addition to the 60 units)
- d. Dean Marshall pointed out that the Rehabilitation Counseling program is the only national ranked program in the Kremen School of Education
- e. MSC to approve a name change from MS in Rehabilitation Counseling to MS in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

5. Committee Recommendations for MA in Art

- a. Strengths Identified were:
  - i. Strong support from Dean
  - ii. New faculty in photography
  - iii. New graduate studio
  - iv. Active faculty involved with the students
  - v. SOAP is well written and has been implemented with evidence of outcome data
  - vi. Have made good efforts in response to the External Reviewers recommendations
- b. Committee members support:
  - i. Need for increased number of faculty for Art History to enhance curriculum
  - ii. Need for facilities upgrades
  - iii. Desire to pursue MFA
  - iv. Recommendations from External Reviewers
- c. MSC to approve as Program of Quality and Promise

6. MSC to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

The final scheduled meeting for the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 2:00 pm in Thomas 117.

Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of 04/28/15.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Name change: M.S. Animal Science to M.S. Agricultural Science