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January 16, 2018

Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), J. Marshall, K. Capehart, S. Church, M. Lopez, N. Mahalik, S. Tracz, D. Walker

Members Excused: N. Wang

Guests: N/A

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. in TA 117

I. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of November 28, 2017.

II. Agenda: MSC to approve the agenda

III. Communications and Announcements

I. Dean Marshall announced this semester's Graduate Coordinators' meetings. The first is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 8:00-10:00 a.m.; the second is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Both will take place in the Vintage Room.

II. Dr. López reminded members to share with graduate students, faculty, and coordinators the deadlines for this semester's Graduate Net Initiative's funding opportunities. The deadline for Graduate Research Grant applications is Wednesday, January 24, 2018; the deadline for Graduate Internship Grant applications is Thursday, February 1, 2018.

IV. Semester agenda

The semester's agenda is as follows:

January 23	Continuation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussion of option elevations for Deaf Education and Speech Pathology</li><li>• preliminary discussion of Program Review of M.A. in Communication</li></ul>
January 30	Visit by M.A. in Communication representatives
February 6	Recommendations for M.A. in Communication Discussion of CSDS elevations with Chair Skelton
February 13	No meeting

February 20	Tentative: preliminary discussion of Program Review of Doctorate in Physical Therapy
February 27	Tentative: Visit by DPT representatives

Further meetings and topics TBA. Several other program reviews are on the docket, including Industrial Technology and Social Work.

#### V. Option Elevations: Deaf Education and Speech-Language Pathology

Dean Marshall reminded members of Chancellor's Executive Order 1071, which requires that options within a graduate program share a majority of core courses in common (51% +). Program options not meeting this requirement must be amended to share a common core, elevated into separate degree programs, or terminated.

The two program options in the M.A. in Communicative Sciences and Deaf Studies, Deaf Education and Speech-Language Pathology, were not in compliance and are being elevated to stand-alone degree programs. The proposals seem appropriate, although some questions did arise. Of particular concern is that the proposals include the same SOAP, but in its current form the SOAP applies more to the Speech-Language Pathology. Members wondered whether separate SOAPS more reflective of each proposed program should be submitted.

Further discussion of the proposed elevation of the Deaf Education and Speech-Language Pathology has been tabled until next meeting.

#### VI. Preliminary Discussion: Program Review of M.A. in Communication

The UGC reviewed the materials submitted for the Communications M.A. Program Review, including the Self Study, Team Report, and responses by the Department and Dean. The committee determined areas to be followed up with department and college representatives on January 30, 2018.

Some areas for discussion are:

- Curriculum: What are the department's plans for curricular update?
- Assessment: Have program faculty developed and deployed an updated SOAP (as the last dates from more than a decade ago)?
- Graduate Writing Requirement: What plans for the clarification and strengthening of the Graduate Writing Requirement have been implemented?
- Academic Integrity: Have issues with academic integrity been addressed? Did the proposed meeting with Dr. Ida Jones take place?
- Graduate Student input: Have any concrete plans to take into consideration graduate student input been implemented?
- Student-faculty communication and relationships: the department's response to the Site Visit Report lists four additional ideas to deal

with some of the interpersonal problems highlighted in the review.  
What action, if any, has been taken in this areas?

VII. MSC to adjourn at 2:56 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the University Graduate Committee is Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in TA 117.

1. Approval of the January 16th Minutes
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Communications and Announcements
4. Continued discussion of Program Review materials for Communications
5. Continued discussion of proposed elevations  
Communicative Sciences options