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February 24, 2015

Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), J. Marshall, R. Raeisi, P. Trueblood,
M. Lopez, D. Vera, S. Tracz, T. Skeen, A. Nambiar

Members Absent:

Guests: V. Crisco and B. Wang, Co-coordinators of the English
M.A. First-Year Writing Program

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 2:00 p.m. in TA #117

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the minutes of February 17, 2015.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Dean Marshall reported that the TA resolution was discussed, then tabled at the Academic Senate meeting on February 23. The resolution should come up for continued discussion at the next senate meeting.

4. Dr. Crisco and Dr. Wang discussed the changes they've proposed to the M.A. in English: Composition Theory Option. The option name is being changed to Rhetoric and Writing Studies to better reflect the expertise of the current state of the field and needs of students. Several courses were also updated to better incorporate the expertise of current faculty: English 278T Seminar in Composition Studies was added as a core course. The course units for English 282 were increased to be commensurate with the number of semesters graduate students are engaged as Teaching Associates. Two units were added to thesis, raising this from 2 units to 4 as most students are spending two semesters to complete their thesis. Finally the title and catalog description for English

270 Writing Workshop for Teachers were updated. These changes, and the corresponding changes to the catalog, have already been approved by the Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee. Dr. Crisco and Dr. Wang left at 2:40 p.m.

- a. MSC to approve the proposed changes.
5. Institutional Learning Outcomes. The committee will meet again next week to further discuss this issue.
6. MSC to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in TA 117.

Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of 2/24/15
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Communications and Announcements
4. Institutional Learning Outcomes