

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE  
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April 21, 2015

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

Members Absent: A. Nambiar (excused), R. Raeisi(excused), S. Tracz  
(excused)

Guests: Jose Diaz, Laura Meyer, Martin Valencia,

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

Agenda:

1. MSC to approve the minutes of 04/14/2015 as distributed.
2. MSC to approve the agenda for 04/21/2015 as amended.
3. Communications and Announcements:
  - a. Dean Marshall informed the committee that the second Graduate Coordinators' event is scheduled for April 24, 2015 from 3.00pm to 5.00pm at the Vintage Room.
  - b. Committee members asked about the graduate symposium. Dean Marshall informed the committee that information on judges and program for the graduate symposium will be sent out shortly.
4. Program Review: MA in Art
  - a. Dean Diaz informed the committee of the opening of the art studio on May 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be a satellite campus in downtown Fresno. The opening of the facility is aligned with the downtown revitalization initiative.
  - b. Dean Diaz informed the committee of the successful search on photography (Department of Arts). Currently there is a search in printmaking.
  - c. Dr. Meyer pointed three areas for improvement identified in the team report: Facilities, faculty and curriculum.

- i. Dr. Meyer highlighted progress in regards to facilities: a new graduate studio as well as a seminar room. There is still further need for upgrades: elevator, carpet in the classroom, etc. Dr. Diaz mentioned issues with ventilation.
- ii. Dr. Meyer described faculty strengths. Dr. Meyer also mentioned the new hire in photography. They still need to hire an art historian. Their request for a search for an Art Ed person was not approved. Dean Diaz reported the hire of a director for the center of Creativity and the Arts. This will help with recruitment for the MA program. The director is a manager/MPP.
- iii. Dr. Meyer talked about the structure of the program. Faculty has been working on a proposal on BA in Art History. Dr. Wilson asked about a proposal on MA in Art History. Dr. Meyer said that there is not enough faculty to run an MA in Art History.
- iv. Dr. Meyer commented that Fresno State is the only institution in the valley with an MA in Art. Graduates are able to teach part-time at community colleges in the area. The MA serves an important role in the valley. The degree for a tenure track job is an MFA. There is an interest from faculty to implement an MFA.
- d. Dr. Wilson asked about the number of graduate students in the MA in Art. Dr. Meyer indicated that there are on average 20 graduate students. Most graduate students are from the BA in Art at Fresno State.
- e. Dean Marshall suggested assessing the need of an MFA program in the Valley and adding the MFA program proposal to the action plan. Dean Diaz is also supportive of an MFA. Dean Marshall noted that another a terminal degree such as MFA will raise the profile of Fresno State graduate education.

- f. Dr. Valencia pointed out that his faculty has already been working on a proposal for an MFA in graphic design.
  - g. Dr. Meyer asked Dean Marshall about making the application to MA in Art electronic.
  - h. Dr. Wilson commended the SOAP included in the program review.
  - i. Dr. Wilson asked about the process for accreditation. Dr. Diaz indicated that they will prepare the initial application to request accreditation (both undergraduate and graduate) during the summer.
5. Election of Chair of Graduate Committee.
- a. Dr. Wilson was elected as a chair for the academic year 2015-2016.
6. MSC to appoint Dr. Bradley Hart, Arts and Humanities, to the Graduate Curriculum sub-committee.
7. MSC to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting for the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 2:00 pm in Thomas 117.

Agenda:

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of 04/21/15.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda.
- 3. Communications and Announcements.
- 4. Name change: Rehabilitation Counseling program
- 5. Recommendations for M.A. in Art