

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE
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October 24, 2017

Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), J. Marshall, M. Lopez, N. Mahalik, S. Tracz

Members Excused: S. Church, N. Wang

Guests: N/A

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. in TA 117

I. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of October 17, 2017 with minor changes

II. Agenda: MSC to approve the agenda

III. Communications and Announcements

N/A

IV. Program Review Discussion: M.A. in Spanish

Members discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the Spanish M.A. program. Commendations, concerns, and recommendations were as follows:

For commendations, members highlighted the quality of the faculty and updated SOAP, including assessment and reporting. The UGC noted concerns over the decrease in enrollment and the low number of students currently enrolled in the program. Enhanced recruitment was recommended. In addition a curricular map and/or planned multi-year schedule of courses which students may utilize to map their completion was suggested. Finally there was discussion of how to support writing in Spanish, as the services offered by the Graduate Writing Studio are in English.

MSC to Approve as the Spanish M.A. as Program of Quality and Promise.

V. Discussion of Master's in Public Administration Program Review

Members started discussion of the program review materials. In view of the complexity and number of materials to be reviewed, members decided to continue this discussion at our next meeting.

VI. MSC to adjourn at 2:53 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the University Graduate Committee is Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in TA 117.

Agenda

1. Approval of the October 24, 2017 Minutes
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Communications and Announcements
4. Preparation for MPA program review