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October 11, 2016

Members Present: T. Skeen (Chair), M. Lopez, S. Tracz, R. Raeisi, P. Trueblood, N. Mahalik

Members Excused: J. Marshall

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

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the minutes of September 27, 2016
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the agenda
3. Communications and Announcements
None
4. Discussion of the MPA program took place. After visiting with Kurt Cline during his office hours, Dr. Skeen stated that Kurt Cline agreed to provide this committee with the required information as per the abbreviated program review guidelines.
5. Discussion followed on the Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities request that this committee write a memo to Vice President Dr. Frank Lamas regarding the graduate students' scholarships deadline; many programs use scholarships as a recruitment tool and the deadline is too early. The committee members stated that they needed to know more about scholarship deadline issues. According to the Scholarships Office website, "The 2017/2018 scholarship application for Fresno State will be available online starting October 1, 2016. The 'priority' application deadline is March 2, 2017. However, several scholarship opportunities will remain open beyond that deadline for specific majors, programs, or student groups. Therefore, we encourage all students to occasionally log-in to check their application status and to see if there are any new scholarship opportunities available." Dr. Skeen will contact Greg Varela to find out more about the issue and will inform the committee.
6. MSC: to adjourn at 2:25 pm

The next scheduled meeting of the UGC will be October 18, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in TA117.

Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes
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3. Communications and Announcements