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Members Present: T.Skeen (Chair), J. Marshall, S. Tracz, N. Mahalik,  
M. Wilson, P. Trueblood

Excused: R. Raeisi, M. Lopez

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

I. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of April 25, 2017 with minor edit

II. Agenda: MSC to approve the agenda

III. Communications and Announcements

- Dean Marshall stated the Investigator's Luncheon was successful with 100 people attending
- Chair Skeen reported results from elections to the UGC: Steven Church for the College of Arts and Humanities and Nan Wang from the Lyles College of Engineering. P. Trueblood and S. Tracz were both re-elected.

IV. Discussion of Physics M.S. Program Review

Committee members agreed on discussion points highlighted from April 25<sup>th</sup> minutes. No new concerns came up. Chair Skeen will incorporate discussion points on strengths and concerns from April 25<sup>th</sup> minutes in memo.

Committee recommended "Program of Quality and Promise"

V. Discussion of Certificate of Advanced Study in Research Methods  
Strengths were course syllabi and flexibility of program; S. Tracz commented on need from education community for this certificate; commented on concerns/questions from committee members for

number of students in program – projecting 10-15 which will be feasible for department; 3 of the required courses students already routinely take; some concern for students to meet the 9 unit independent requirement; committee recommended to add the “assessment” class to course matrix as another option and voted to approve the Certificate.

VI. MSC to elect Marilyn Wilson as Chair beginning Fall 2017

Adjourned 2:45 pm

Agenda for Fall 2017 TBA