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

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

I. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of April 4, 2017

II. Agenda: MSC to approve the agenda

III. Communications and Announcements

- Dean Marshall reminded us of the graduate recognition event on April 20, 2017, in the Smittcamp Alumni House.
- The next Grad Coordinators meeting is 3-5 pm on April 27<sup>th</sup> in the Vintage Room.
- The Committee discussed write-in votes to the up-coming Academic Senate election.

IV. Continued discussion of the Strategic Plan as related to the Division of Research and Graduate Studies. Suggestions were to include more specific steps on enhancing the graduate culture, need for more funding for graduate students, and how to support faculty and graduate students for increased research expectations. There was some discussion of proposed changes to faculty workload requirements and possible flexibility in RTP probationary plans.

V. Discussion of the proposed Certificate of Advanced Studies in Research Methods from Education was postponed to next week.

VI. MSC to adjourn at 2:50 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the University Graduate Committee is Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in TA 117.

Agenda

1. Approval of the 4/18/17 Minutes
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Communications and Announcements
4. Program Review for Physics (Time certain 2:20 p.m.)
5. Discussion of Certificate of Advanced Study in Research Methods