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August 22, 2017

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

Members Excused: N. Wang

Guests: N/A

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. in TA 117

I. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of May 2, 2017

II. Agenda: MSC to approve the agenda

III. Communications and Announcements

- Dean Marshall reminded members that the committee will need to review and formally approve and/or recommend changes to the proposed adoption of Graduate Core Competencies required to meet WASC accreditation requisites. The current proposal includes three competencies, but does not yet incorporate common rubrics for their assessment. Rubrics will be developed by May 2018. Dr. Melissa Jordine, Director of Assessment at Fresno State, will attend our September 12 meeting to discuss the proposal.
- Dean Marshall announced that 1053 new postbaccalaureate students were admitted for the 2017-2018 academic year. Final data on the number of enrollees will be forthcoming.
- Dean Marshall shared that over 340 students attended the New Graduate Student Orientation, which took place on August 21, 2017. Committee members commended the Division of Research and Graduate Studies for the orientation's success, but suggested that future instances of the event be a bit longer, particularly to allow time for students to peruse Graduate Student services informational tables.
- Dr. Lopez announced three funding opportunities through the Graduate Net Initiative, all of which have upcoming deadlines: applications for the Graduate Internship Grant are due September 9, those for the Graduate Research Fellowship are due September

20, and those for the Graduate Research Award are due October 25. Information has already been shared with students via email and social media, and will go out to coordinators ASAP.

- Dr. Lopez, on behalf of the DRGS, reminded committee members that a new, fully online graduation application process is now in place. Students must apply for graduation and may pay the processing fee directly from their PeopleSoft student portal. Information has already been shared with students and coordinators via email and social media.

IV. Fall 2017 planning

- The tentative schedule of meeting topics for Fall 2017 is as follows:
 - August 29 - no meeting
 - September 5 - no meeting
 - September 12 - discussion of Graduate Core Competencies with Melissa Jordine, Assessment Coordinator
 - September 19 - discussion of Plant Science Program Review materials (Self study, team report, department response, dean's response)
 - September 26 - discussion of Spanish Program Review materials (Self study, team report, department response, dean's response)
 - October 3 or 10 (depending on their availability) - meet with Plant Science Program Coordinator, Dept. Chair, Ag Dean to discuss review
 - October 10 or 17 - recommendations on Plant Science review
 - October 17 or 24 (depending on their availability) - meet with Spanish Program Coordinator, Dept. Chair, A & H Dean to discuss review
 - October 24 or 31 - recommendations on Spanish review

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

The next scheduled meeting of the University Graduate Committee is Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in TA 117.

Agenda

1. Approval of the August 22nd Minutes
2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Communications and Announcements
4. Discussion of Core Competencies for Graduate Students – Guest - Melissa Jordine @ 2:20
5. Planning for Plant Science Program Review Discussion