

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE
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January 31, 2017

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

Members Excused: P. Trueblood

Guests: N/A

Chair Skeen called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. in TA 117

I. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of January 24, 2017

II. Agenda: MSC to approve the agenda

III. Communications and Announcements

- Dean Marshall reported that Provost Zelezny has earmarked \$800,000 for faculty research and creative activities support (including course releases and stipends) for AY 2017-2018. This will be an additional \$120,000 to \$150,000 allotted by the Chancellor to Fresno State for the same purpose. This year a new system, InfoReady, has been put in place to streamline and standardize application and reporting processes. Monies will be administered by the individual colleges; for further details, contact your college dean.

IV. Graduate Tuition Waivers Discussion

Based on the information shared by Dr. Kevin Ayotte last week, members discussed a possible recommendation to the Academic Senate. Major concerns are 1) the fact that, currently, APM 311 requires the submission of a FAFSA, which preempts international students receiving tuition waivers for serving as teaching associates, and 2) that the limitation of such tuition waivers only to students not eligible for a State University Grant may favor out-of-state students.

Members voted unanimously to recommend that the language of APM 311 be changed to include international students as prospective recipients of tuition waivers, and that every effort be made to make the granting of these waivers as equitable as possible within the

current, complex system of financial aid allocation and disbursement. Chair Skeen will draft the memo and circulate among committee members prior to submission to the Senate.

V. Special Education Program Review

Dean Beare, Dr. Lam, Dr. Alamillo and Dr. Coy will join us on February 7 to discuss their program. Time certain 2:20 p.m.

Committee members still have some questions and concerns regarding the abbreviated program review process as currently existing. Further discussion of this topic will be scheduled for a future meeting, particularly to ascertain if and how the process needs to be amended based on our experience during its first year of implementation.

Discussion in preparation for next week's review included 1) the need for data regarding student demographics and completion rates, 2) a noted discrepancy between the assessment results presented and the SOAP provided, and 3) the observed low rate of employer survey response.

6. MSC to adjourn at 3:11 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the University Graduate Committee is Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in TA 117.

Agenda:

1. Approval of the 1/31 Minutes
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Communications and Announcements
4. M.A. Special Education Program Review (Dean Beare, Dr. Lam, Dr. Alamillo and Dr. Coy at 2:20 p.m.)
5. APM 311TA Tuition Waiver Discussion