

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE
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January 27, 2015

Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), J. Marshall, P. Trueblood, A. Nambiar, D. Vera, S. Tracz, R. Raesi, T. Skeen, M. Lopez

Members Absent: N/A

Guests: Rodrigo Gomez, Aide Navarro

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 2:01 p.m. in Thomas #117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve with minor edits the minutes of 12/9/2014.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as amended to show the addition of a communication re: proposed resolution about fee waivers for Teaching Assistants.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - a. Chair Wilson introduced the newest member of the committee, Dr. Tim Skeen, representing the College of Arts and Humanities.
 - b. Dean Marshall introduced Rodrigo Gomez, the new Outreach Coordinator for DGS, and Aide Navarro, an administrative support coordinator currently working on Program Reviews.
 - c. Dean Marshall updated the committee on the Viticulture/Enology program's transition from pilot to full program. The site review required by the Chancellor's office is scheduled for 17 February. The review will be sent directly to the Chancellor's office; simultaneously, the internal university project review process will continue through the usual channels.
 - d. Dr. Lopez updated the committee on the purpose, goals, and current stage of development of the Graduate Net Initiative. Funded by the Title V Part B grant the university was awarded last October, the project focuses on improving and expanding student access to post-baccalaureate academic programs and students services, in great part by the development of a graduate online campus.
 - e. Chair Wilson introduced a Senate Resolution on Teaching Assistant Fee Waivers endorsed by Chris Henson and eight other Academic senators. The resolution, to be brought to the Academic

Senate February 2, proposes the implementation of fee waivers for TAs across campus. The members of the University Graduate Committee were supportive of the concept of TA Fee Waivers, acknowledging their role in recruitment and success of graduate students.

4. MSC: to adjourn at 2:53 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in Thomas 117.

Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of 1/27/15.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcement

Future agendas:

2/17/15: Request to Admit Students to M.S. in Food & Nutrition

2/24/15: Catalog and Curriculum Changes for M. A. in English

4. WASC Graduate Degree: Meaning, quality, and integrity discussion: Dr. Jim Marshall, Dr. Lopez, Dr. Tracz, Dr. Wilson