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November 1, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Tamás Forgács, Rohan Jadhav, Jenna Kieckhaefer,  
James Marshall, Samina Najmi, Fayzul Pasha, Gitima  
Sharma, Vang Vang

Members absent: None

- (1) Approval of agenda (MSC).
- (2) Approval of the minutes of 10/4/17 (MSC).
- (3) Communications and Announcements
  - (a) New members (G. Sharma, R. Jadhav). All members introduced themselves.
  - (b) Thesis submission deadlines (J. Marshall). Fresno State is working on revising thesis deadlines to be in alignment with other CSUs. On-time submission is now four weeks before the semester deadline (it used to be 6 weeks). For the spring semester the new deadline is April 6, 2018. If the students do that, they will graduate that semester. Now there's a "More time" category, so that students can work on their thesis until the last day of instruction. These students can't graduate the same semester, but they are now allowed to pay \$350 (instead of over \$2000) and enroll in the GS Continuation class to make sure they are continually enrolled. A third option is the "Out-of-time" option students have to sign up for 299C and pay full fees while working another semester on their thesis. 299C keeps the faculty member attached, meaning that the faculty advisor is getting "credit" for the work and isn't in violation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- (4) Discussion items
  - (a) Update to the charter (T. Forgács). The issue that triggered this update is adding in the responsibility to review any unawarded meritorious sabbatical proposals that rise to the level of needing university-level review (page 2, number 3). This task was previously

held by another committee, however because it didn't meet it was disbanded. Otherwise updates to the charter included grammatical changes, and wording added for election of chair and vice chair (vice chair not required). There was also discussion about whether or not to include language for review of the Laval awards.

1. Approval of the new charter (MSC).

- (b) Laval Awards (T. Forgács). Last year each application was reviewed by three committee members prior to a meeting and then at the meeting we discussed all applications. We will discuss applications on Dec. 6. For this year, while reviewing the applications make notes about the applicants' strengths and weaknesses to give to the Chair to enter into Info Ready, as last year a few applicants did want feedback.
- (c) Task distribution for talking to chairs/chair's council about research (T. Forgács). Last year we talked to the Deans, this year we decided to talk to the chairs. We need to come up with a few questions. Qualtrics would be a great way to get the questions out to all the Chairs on campus. We can discuss the list of questions via email or Google documents, and come up with a finalized list of questions by the next meeting.

(5) The meeting was adjourned at 10am.