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Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), S. Witte, R. Raeisi, A. Nambiar, P. Trueblood, D. Vera, R. Raeisi, S. Tracz, J. Rodrigues (students)

Members Absent: M.Lopez

Guests: Jim Marshall, Kara Zografos

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. in TA 117.

Agenda:

1. MSC to approve the minutes for 10/21/2014 with minor editing.
2. MSC to approve the agenda for 10/28/2014 as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements:
Dean Witte announced they are still in the process of interviewing for a vacant staff position in her office. This staff position is for the coordination of tasks such as mini grants, semester breakfasts, etc. She asked to inform your college about the availability of recruitment's mini grants for this year and a call for mini grant proposals will be placed as soon as the staff position is filled.

Dr. Marshall passed out information about the WASC degree programs' meaning, quality, and integrity. Chair Wilson stated that Dr. Marshall will be with UGC on November 18th to talk more about this issue.

4. Dr. Kara Zografos, coordinator of Master Program in Public Health was welcomed. She updated the UGC about the concerns raised by the Council on Education for Public Health in their last accreditation review of their program. She said an interim report was resubmitted to the Council in August and they have received a positive response from them.

She stated that one of the main concerns was about program competencies, which with good effort, they have now reinforced competencies in each course syllabuses.

She also mentioned that now they have implemented a consistent survey method to collect data from alumni as well as employers

Further she stated that they have also adopted a new policy, which states that if students are absent for more than two semesters, they have to re-apply to the program. This is now consistent with the university policy. She also stated that there are only two options of project and thesis available for culminating experience in their program.

The committee suggests moving the 280 writing requirements to second semester from third semester in order for students being able to advance to candidacy sooner. The committee also recommends reminding current students about duration of program and deadlines such as project, thesis, etc. Dr. Zografos left at 2:30.

The members of the graduate committee acknowledged the MPH program alignments efforts with those concerns raised by the Council on Education for Public Health in their accreditation review.

5. MSC to adjourn at 2:45 pm

The next schedule meeting for the Graduate Committee 11/18/2014.

Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of 10/28/14.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcement
4. WASC Graduate Degree program meaning, quality, and integrity discussion:
Dr. Jim Marshall