Minutes of the Graduate Programs Subcommittee
May 12, 2016
SF 328
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Lynn Eudey, Cathy Inouye, Joanna Lee, Asha Rao, Linda Smetana, Mitchell Watnik, Donna Wiley (Chair), Ke Zou.
Absent: Karen Mucci, Holly Vugia.
Guests: Linda Ivey, Gwyan Rhabyt.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:05.

1. Approval of the agenda. (M Smetana/S Lee/P).
2. Approval of minutes.
   a. May 12. (M Eudey/S Smetana/P)
3. Action Items (See Curriculog for all program modification proposals)
   a. M.A. in Multimedia. (M Watnik/S Eudey/P unanimous) to accept the program proposal, with the understanding that minor editorial changes may occur. Rhabyt discussed how multimedia has changed over the years - moving from audio/video to now the program is using “interactive design”. There has been a “concretized” movement in the program to make its objectives clearer. There are components of psychology, computer program functionality, efficiencies (in, for example, web sites). There was a discussion about having 2 concentrations. However, Communication was going to be involved with the second concentration, but they withdrew. The second concentration may be added later. There are also enrollment issues that suggest that two concentrations might split the students. The interactive design also makes it “distinctive”. There may be a push later to elevate the concentration to a new name. There was a question about the information literacy outcome and how that was developed in some of the courses. Rhabyt indicated that there may be a physical interaction that would be studied and the field’s definition of “literacy” might not align with the library courses (for example). Many of the courses are new, though much of the material is reconfigured from the old courses. There was concern about students who are in the program through the transition, but Rhabyt noted that the program is going to have a good deal of individualized advising. The forum class is like an “intimate speaker series” or a “speaker series with discussion”. There may be some slight revision to the curriculum maps due to comments offered by the subcommittee. A question was asked about comparability to other CSUs. Rhabyt said that CSUEB is actually “ahead of the curve” relative to our sister campuses. Some other universities, such as academy of arts, offer these type of degrees, including MFA or “M.Des.”
b. M.A. History (with four concentrations). (M Lee/S Smetana/P unanimous) to accept the program proposal, with the understanding that minor editorial changes may occur. Ivey outlined the program and talked about the emphasis on practice. The reading seminar changes with each offering, like a “traditional graduate seminar”. In response he generalist option students tend to be more people who are interested, whereas the thesis option tends to be students who want to go on to doctoral studies or more involved with the field.

c. M.S. Statistics. (M Smetana/S Lee/P unanimous) to accept the program proposal, with the understanding that minor editorial changes may occur. The program needs an updated curriculum map. Watnik told subcommittee members that students do not need an option. The linear algebra elective course was mistakenly listed as MATH 210 (which would not be allowed to count for graduate credit). Watnik said that the intention was to have an upper division course as is currently the case, but there seemed to be an issue when the proposal was transferred from paper to Curriculog.

d. M.S. Biostatistics (M Smetana/S Inouye/P unanimous) to accept the program proposal, with the understanding that minor editorial changes may occur. Suggestions were made to revise the program learning outcomes. Also, the roadmap needs to be updated.

4. Reports.
   b. Chair. Not reached due to time.

5. Adjournment. (M Watnik/S Lee/P). The meeting was adjourned 3:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary