

2008-2009 Year-End Committee Report Form

Committee: Graduate Studies & Research

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Number of Meetings held: 15

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Items of Business Completed 2008/2009

Curricular Proposals

1. Proposal - Re-envisioning the M.A. Program in Communication Studies – Committee approved the revised program and forwarded to AVP Stacks for her action.
2. Proposal for MSE Concentration in Electronic Materials and Devices and Proposal for MSE Concentration in Engineering Management – Committee approved both proposals and forwarded to the Curriculum & Research Committee.
3. Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) – After lengthy discussion at numerous committee meetings, the committee forwarded the proposal, with neither approval nor denial but with concerns, to the Curriculum & Research Committee.
4. Green Belt and Black Belt Certificates Programs, Industrial and Systems Engineering - Committee approved and forwarded to the Curriculum & Research Committee.
5. Dept. of Kinesiology submitted proposals to condense 11 emphasis areas into four concentrations: Sport Studies, Sport Management, Athletic Training, and Exercise Physiology. The Committee approved and forwarded to the Curriculum & Research Committee.

ORU (Organized Research & Training Unit) Proposals

1. Silicon Valley Center for Global Innovation and Immigration (Proposal for new ORU) - After lengthy discussion at several committee meetings the committee approved and forwarded to the Curriculum & Research Committee.
2. Microscale Process Engineering Center (Proposal for new ORU) - Committee approved and forwarded to the Curriculum & Research Committee.
3. World Self-Defense Research Center ORU proposal approved, after numerous revisions, and forwarded to the Curriculum & Research Committee.

Student Research Competition

GS & R Committee members served as judges for the SJSU Student Research Competition, March 4 & 5, 2009, sponsored by GS & R and the SJSU Foundation. Of the ten presenters three were selected to participate in the CSU Student Research Competition at CSU, Los Angeles. One

was awarded First Place in the Humanities and Letters Division.

Outstanding Thesis Award Winners

The committee selected two theses as the 2008/2009 Outstanding Thesis Award Winners.

Committee Membership

Committee requested and received approval to establish an Ex-Officio seat on the Graduate Studies & Research Committee for the Director, Sponsored Programs, Foundation.

CDIP (Doctoral Incentive Program)

All applications were sent forward to the Chancellor's Office.

Organized Research & Training Units 5-Year Reviews

1. **NISA** –The committee reaffirmed its previous decision (2007) to recommend termination. The committee recommended that the AVP Stacks communicate this decision to the Provost.

2. **Center for Literary Arts** – Committee approved the 5-Year Review report and forwarded to the Curriculum & Research Committee.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)

The committee approved four new discipline-based courses as fulfilling GWAR.

Unfinished Business Items for 2008/2009

1. Organized Research & Training Units 5-Year Reviews

The **Center for Beethoven Studies**, the **Collaborative for Disaster Mitigation** and the **Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship** will be reviewed in the 2009/2010 academic year.

2. Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)

Transitional issues created a lapse in GWAR review and recertification. Recertification of courses will resume during the 2009-2010 academic year. Interim Associate Dean Bruck's office will inform departments offering courses which were targeted for review in Fall 2008 that approval for GWAR status will be extended for one year.

3. Conclude review of the **Global Leadership Advancement Center** ORU proposal.

New Business Items for 2009/2010

1. **Student Research Competition** – Identify actions to increase pool of applicants.

2. **ORU Proposals & Reviews** – Develop documentation/templates to assist ORU directors/participants in creating proposals, budgets and reviews (annual and 5-year) that facilitate providing information in the appropriate formats for the GS & R Committee.

3. Initiate review of the **Center for Banking and Financial Services** ORU proposal (received by GS & R 4/27/09)

Please return to the Office of the Academic Senate (ADM 176/0024) by May 29, 2009.