SCMS Graduate Committee

Agenda

February 17, 2010

New Course proposals

-The Political Economy of the Media- Approved

Graduate Application

-Mae Basiratmand- Approved

Program Revision

Committee had a far ranging discussion and concluded that graduate program as reflected in th course schedule 2007-2012 had little focus and many under enrolled classes

In the light of that the Committee concluded:

Graduate courses should be open to non-majors

There would be three required courses

1) Introduction to Graduate Studies which would focus on the nuts and bolts of academic research, academic literature searches and reviews, etc.

2) Introduction to the Discipline: A course that would have sections serving as an introduction to Rhetoric, Film, Cultural and media Studies and Intercultural Studies. To be taught from faculty from those areas

3) A Seminar on methods : Intro to epistemology and methods of analysis on Comm research. Broad overview of humanistic, social scientific, rhetorical, and critical approaches to studying communication.(Cal State Northridge)

The other graduate courses would be reduced to a small series of variable topics classes with Title “Studies in Film,” Studies in Rhetoric” “Studies in Culture and Media,” Topics in Intercultural Studies”

Also discussed was a possible thesis writing course at the end of students’ program

Also Becky and Fred Would meet with TA’s to get feedback on program and Fred will prepare a questionnaire/blog for all students to get feedback