

3. Presentation of the Proposal to establish a Center for Parallelism at Utah (CPU)

Ganesh Gopalakrishnan presented the revised proposal. This Center would unite the latest technologies in the area of parallel computing, showcase talent in this area, and allow for broader international involvement.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: To approve the proposal

Vote: Approved unanimously

Action: Inform Dr. Gopalakrishnan of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the establishment of the Center for Parallelism at Utah. The proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

4. Presentation of the Proposal to establish an Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Screen Dance

Ellen Bromberg presented the revised proposal. Screen Dance is also known as Dance Film, Dance for the Camera, Cine Dance, and Video Dance. With the strong collaboration between the Department of Modern Dance and the Department of Film and Media Arts, this new curricula focus will provide a unique specialization which does not exist anywhere else in the country. This certificate program is not applicable to distance learning.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: To approve the proposal as amended

Vote: Approved unanimously

Action: Inform Professor Bromberg of the Graduate Council's decision to approve this proposal as amended. The proposal will then be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

5. Presentation of the Graduate Council Review for Biology

Patrick Tresco presented the adhoc report to the Council. The Department of Biology has a strong faculty with many individual faculty members recognized for their scholarship, the high quality of their teaching and their service both to the University and their profession. The department provides a fertile environment for undergraduate scientists and has improved the graduate student environment. The committee recommended that the faculty engage in a strategic planning and review process that identifies its long-term goals and objectives.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: To approve the report as amended

Vote: Approved unanimously

Action: The report will be sent to the Department Chair and the Dean of the College of Science to check for any factual errors. The report will be discussed at the wrap-up meeting (in attendance: Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the College of Science, the Chair of the Department of Biology, and the Dean and Associate Dean of the Graduate School as facilitators). Following the wrap-up meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared by the Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Both the report and the Memorandum of Understanding will be sent to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

6. Presentation of the Graduate Council Review for Geography

Jay Mace presented the adhoc report to the Council. The quality of the Geography faculty is high with strong collegiality and high energy. They share a commitment to focus on core research. Since their last review, a real effort has been made to recruit minorities. There is a continuing commitment to enhance diversity. The committee recommended that graduate stipends be raised so that the department becomes more competitive when recruiting.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: To approve the report as amended

Vote: Approved unanimously

Action: The report will be sent to the Department Chair and the Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Science to check for any factual errors. The report will be discussed at the wrap-up meeting (in attendance: Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Science, the Chair of the Department of Geography, and the Dean and Associate Dean of the Graduate School as facilitators). Following the wrap-up meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared by the Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Both the report and the Memorandum of Understanding will be sent to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

7. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm