Graduate Council Delegations of Authority 2020-21
Santa Cruz Division

In accordance with Graduate Council Bylaw 13.21, section 7, “…the Council may delegate to the Dean of Graduate Studies routine administrative decisions related to the academic regulations and policies of the Graduate Council. The Graduate Council will monitor and review on an annual basis these delegated decisions.”

Graduate Council monitors and reviews Delegations of Authority annually during fall quarter. The approved policy for the current academic year is posted on the Academic Senate’s public Graduate Council website.

Routine Administrative Decisions Delegated to the Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies:

The Graduate Council of the Santa Cruz Division delegates to the Dean of the Graduate Division the authority to act for it, administratively, in carrying out the related academic policy that it has established in those areas in which it is empowered to act as authorized in the Systemwide and Santa Cruz Division bylaws and regulations.

With respect to all student-related Senate regulations and Council policy, the Dean of the Graduate Division is delegated authority:

- to establish administrative procedures for implementing such regulations and policy, including admission to candidacy for higher degrees, appointment of committees in charge of candidate’s studies and research, and approval of the awarding of higher degrees
- to approve individual exceptions to Council policy in accordance with Council-approved precedents
- for recommendation of graduate student fellowships, as follows:
  - Dissertation Year Fellowships: re-delegated from VPDGS for review and selection at divisional level (GC to VPDGS 1/29/16)
- for appointment of graduate students as readers, TAs, research assistants, except GSI requests to teach graduate courses, which are an exception to policy reviewed by the Graduate Council Chair
- for appointment of postdoctoral scholars

The Dean will consult with and report to the Graduate Council annually regarding 1) the formulation of general procedures established in conformity with the delegations of authority, and 2) redelegations of authority.

Delegations to the Graduate Council Chair:
- Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) Exception to Policy Requests
- Program Statement Review for Minor Changes

Delegations to the Committee on Courses of Instruction (CCI)
- Review of graduate courses of instruction (including new courses, changes in existing courses, and course discontinuations)

Delegations to the Vice Provost of Academic Affairs:
- Coordination and oversight of the graduate portion of the external review process (See Academic Senate Manual, Appendix D)

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