

Graduate Council Minutes November 3, 2011

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in 307 Kerr Hall.

Present: Bruce Schumm, Chair, Bettina Aptheker, Scott Brandt, Jorge Hankamer, Kimberly Jannarone, Donald Smith, Megan Thomas, Tyrus Miller (DGS), Christy Caldwell (LAUC), Meg Gudgeirsson (GSA), and Stephanie Casher (ASO).

Absent: Raphael Kudela, Carol Shennan

The minutes of 10/27/11 were approved with minor corrections.

Chair's Announcements

From CCGA

- Much of the discussion revolved around graduate student funding.
- There was also discussion of recording and videotaping graduate courses. A concern was raised in relation to a student who had a restraining order in place, and did not necessarily want his/her whereabouts broadcast in a public/online forum.
- There is no further word on how Nonresident Tuition is going to figure into the rebenching process.
- 1.6 billion dollars has been raised from corporate donors for the UC system. Of that sum, only \$32 million is unrestricted.
- VP Beckwith visited CCGA and reported that they are planning to do a comparative study on how other Universities fund their graduate students, compared to how UC funds their students. He put forward a general principle that UCOP would aid and abet the development of individual funding models on the campuses, and vet them for consistency with University priorities and existing legislation. There is a joint-administrative Senate task force that will be looking at graduate funding.
- There is a separate Senate task force that will be looking at grad funding issues in parallel.
- WASC Accreditation is coming up.
- Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities will be discussed at an upcoming CCGA meeting.

GC decided to have leaders from Planning and Budget attend a future meeting to provide GC members with an orientation on nonresident tuition.

Announcements from DGS

- The submission of dissertations is moving from paper submission to online submissions. Current guidelines have the inclusion of an abstract as optional. The DGS would like to remove this condition that makes them “optional.” Graduate Council saw no problem with this change.
- Dean Miller also reported that UCSC’s participation in the SACNAS conference was very successful.
- The Graduate Division will be meeting with the Graduate representatives and Graduate advisors next week about admissions, diversity in admissions, fellowship timelines, etc.
- The syllabus for the Graduate Leadership Academy is almost ready, and will be coming to GC for review shortly.
- The DGS will be polling programs to get their thoughts on the optimal timing of the Cota Robles fellowship terms.
- There has been a request from departments to have the application criteria/guidelines for the Year Fellowship competition made more clear, and Dean Miller will be soliciting GC’s advice on revising the application guidelines.

GSA Announcements

No announcements.

Library Announcements

The California Digital Library (CDL) has launched a data management tool, to assist faculty in preparing data management plans for their grant applications.

Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities Follow-Up

GC discussed the next steps in regard of the Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities document. One member still felt very strongly that the creation and distribution of this document by the administration of a single division was extremely problematic. Another member felt that the document was well-intentioned, and GC’s stance on it might not need to be so hard.

Graduate Council decided that the best thing to do was work towards the development of a campus-wide document, in collaboration with DGS, GC agreed to inform but not endorse the SOE document.

Graduate Council, via subcommittee, will move forward to develop a campuswide document pertaining to Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities. The final document produced by the GC subcommittee will be circulated to Senate leadership, RJ & E, and Campus Council for review and comment.

Update on Consultation with Social Sciences Dean and Chair of Anthropology

Chair Schumm updated Graduate Council on the consultation with Social Sciences Dean Kamieniecki and the Anthropology Department Chair. Chair Schumm recommends that GC approve the department's request for a two-year deferral of their External Review, and GC concurred.

GC member Megan Thomas formally recused herself from the discussion.

SR610 - Residency

Graduate Council discussed the draft response to the SR-610 Residency proposal. The position GC opted to take was not unanimous, but in the end GC decided to support the proposal, with the request that the language pertaining to 'mode of delivery' be struck from the proposal.

Social and Environmental Practice in the Arts MFA Proposal

Graduate Council thinks this is an exciting proposal, but they have some concerns. A subcommittee charged with investigating whether the proposed "close and vibrant collaboration" had buy-in from the named departments reported that the Environmental Studies and Theater Arts departments have not been contacted about partnering to deliver this program.

One member also had a question about the candidacy requirements stated on page 33. Why is this structured as a three-year program, as opposed to a two-year program?

GC will provide the Art Department with feedback on their proposal, and request that letters of support from Environmental Studies and Theater Arts be included in the next iteration.

Art Department External Review Draft Charge

GC discussed the Art Department draft charge. GC members suggested the following questions:

- "Can you comment on the appropriateness and focus of the proposed Arts MFA program?"
- "What is the status of TA staffing and TA training in the department?"

Revisions to GSI Policy

Graduate Council reviewed the proposed revision to the policy and procedures on the Appointment and Use of Graduate Student Instructors (GSIs). GC saw no problems with the proposed changes.

Comprehensive Campaign Planning Dinner

Chair Schumm has been invited to attend the Comprehensive Campaign Planning Dinner November 21st. He solicited feedback from GC on any potential pitches we might make on behalf of Graduate Education. Some ideas generated by the committee include:

- Endowed fellowships

- Graduate Leadership Academy
- Annual giving to provide flexible funding for the Graduate Division.

Another member suggested soliciting a list from University Relations on the various pitches being made to donors, which GC could vet to see what might be connected to graduate education.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.

So Attests,

Bruce Schumm, Chair
Graduate Council