

Graduate Council Minutes December 1, 2011

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in 307 Kerr Hall.

Present: Bruce Schumm, Chair, Bettina Aptheker, Jorge Hankamer, Raphael Kudela, Carol Shennan, Tyrus Miller (DGS), Christy Caldwell (LAUC), Meg Gudgeirsson (GSA), Jim Moore (DGS), and Stephanie Casher (ASO).

Absent: Scott Brandt, Kimberly Jannarone, Donald Smith, Megan Thomas

The minutes from 11/17/11 were approved.

Announcements from Chair

Chair Schumm recently met with Dean Ramirez, and a proposal regarding Silicon Valley Initiatives is forthcoming. Dean Ramirez also is interested in building a program in Materials Science, potentially as an IGP. When asked, Dean Ramirez said that so far he had not come up against any structural or administrative impediments to putting such an IGP together.

Announcements from DGS

- A group of graduate students will be touring the Silicon Valley sites.
- They have received a number of applications for the Graduate Leadership Academy, though not as many as they had hoped, so they extended the application deadline. They are also doing additional outreach to the Deans.
- Last year, in partnership with Stanford, the Graduate Division hosted a program called DARE (Diversifying Academia, Recruiting Excellence), which was rather successful. The Graduate Division plans to hold the event again in winter quarter, and include UCSC students.
- The campus may be receiving the Brazillian consul. Brazil has embraced a vigorous form of education, and plans to send several hundred students abroad for study, funded by the Brazillian government. UCSC is interested in hosting/recruiting some of these students.

Announcements from GSA

None

Announcements from Library

None

Graduate Leadership Certificate Proposal

GC reviewed the requested material provided by the Graduate Dean outlining how participation will be assessed in the Graduate Leadership Certificate Program. GC was satisfied that their

concerns had been adequately addressed, and voted unanimously to approve the Graduate Leadership Certificate.

Dean Miller was not present for the vote.

Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities

GC reviewed the draft response to the School of Engineering outlining our concerns with the “Road Map to Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities” document, and our suggested changes.

GC made some revisions to clarify various points in the letter, and agreed to forward it on to the Dean of Engineering.

Faculty Salary Metrics

GC discussed the preliminary slides provided by CFW for re-defining the metrics for comparing faculty salaries. Many committee members had a difficult time interpreting the slides. Chair Schumm interpreted the data for the committee, and there was discussion of the preliminary data. GC will discuss again at the next meeting, in case anyone has any additional questions after spending more time reviewing the data.

Language Program External Review

GC discussed the draft response to the Language Program External Review. The committee agreed that the letter was well-written and summed up our position sufficiently. The letter will be forwarded to the VPAA.

Since a GC member is not available to attend the closure meeting, Dean Miller will represent GC and report back to the committee on what transpires.

Music Department External Review

GC discussed the draft response to the Music Department External Review. There was a suggestion to clarify the language in some places. Chair Schumm will pass on committee feedback to the lead reviewer, and circulate a final draft for GC review.

FTE Transfer – Andrew Szasz

GC discussed the FTE transfer request to transfer Professor Szasz’s FTE from Sociology to Environmental Studies. GC has no objections to this request, but would like to encourage the Social Sciences Dean to monitor the Sociology department to make sure they don’t fall below critical mass for delivering their graduate curriculum.

Carol Shennan formally recused herself from discussion.

GC Guidelines for Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs

Chair Schumm spoke with Dean Ramirez about his sense of the problems with the existing Interdisciplinary Graduate Group model. Dean Ramirez said that he had not encountered any problems with the current administrative structures.

GC decided to form a subcommittee to investigate the issue of interdisciplinary graduate programs. The first task will be to develop a slate of individuals to meet with and interview about interdisciplinary programs. Bruce Schumm and Don Smith volunteered to serve on the committee. Chair Schumm will solicit another volunteer from the Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences.

GC generated a list of interdisciplinary entities for the subcommittee to consult with. Some suggestions include: HistCon, Center on Climate Change, Computer Game Design and Playable Media, Rethinking Capitalism (in the Social Sciences), Science and Justice Cluster, Food Studies, Material Science, DANM, PBSE, and Biomolecular Engineering.

One member pointed out that when many of the ORUs and MRUs were defunded a couple of years ago, a key mechanism for interdisciplinary studies disappeared with it. It may be worth speaking to some of those former Center Directors about their experiences with interdisciplinary programs.

After taking Winter quarter for consultation and research, GC will consult with VPAA Lee and EVC Galloway in the Spring.

Technology and Information Management (T.I.M.) proposal to add Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST)

GC discussed the proposal from the T.I.M. program to offer Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition. The GSA has taken a stance in opposition to Professional Degree Fees. The GSA representative will circulate her notes to GC for review.

Another member feels that PDST proposals should be routed through CAAD to see if Professional Degree Fees limit accessibility for underrepresented students.

The library also has concerns about expectations in regard to library support.

Discussion will continue at our January 12th meeting.

Decrease in Geographic Reach of Graduate Applicant Pool

GC is interested in seeing data on offers made and offers accepted in regard to nonresident applicants, for both domestic and international students, broken down by degree type. The Graduate Division will generate some data for GC to examine at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.

So Attests,

Bruce Schumm, Chair
Graduate Council