

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**February 27, 2014**  
**Kerr Hall Room 307, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Bruce Schumm, *Chair*, John Bowin, Pascale Garaud, Tyrus Miller, ex officio, Juan Poblete, Seth Rubin, Wang-Chiew Tan, Christy Caldwell (Library Rep), Erin Ellison (Graduate Rep)

**Absent with Notice:** Deborah Gould, Ken Kletzer, Leta Miller, Micah Rahder (Graduate rep), Michelle Glowa (Graduate Rep)

**Guest:** Jim Moore (Assistant Dean, Grad Division)

**Routine Announcements**

*Chair*

Chair Schumm reported that the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) briefly discussed a potential proposal for graduate student instruction to be given more weight in the faculty academic review process. This conversation is nascent, and many factors, such as disciplinary differences in access to graduate students would have to be considered in any formal proposal.

*Dean of Graduate Studies*

Dean Miller reported that the request for proposals (RFP) for the renewal of the NASA University Affiliated Research Center (UARC) will come out soon. UCSC has a good chance at renewing the contract, though the potential partnership will be somewhat different from the existing UARC agreement.

*Graduate Representative*

Graduate Representative Ellison reported that the TA Union will strike on Wednesday, March 5, 2014. The TAs have been out of contract for months and unless an agreement is reached there will be a strike.

*Library Representative*

Librarian Representative Caldwell reported on an undergraduate student-led effort to make the Science and Engineering Library operate on a 24/5 schedule of extended hours. The Student Union Assembly (SUA) has endorsed the necessary student fee and the issue will be on the May 2014 student ballot.

**TIM Graduate Program Transfer to TM Department**

Chair Schumm updated the committee on the status of the transfer of the Technology Information Management (TIM) graduate program into the new Technology Management (TM) Department. Last year, the council voiced their approval of the creation of the TM Department but withheld its

approval of the transfer of the TIM graduate program into the department due to questions over the academic content of the program and the staffing plan for the department. Dean Ramirez from the School of Engineering will consult with the council at its next meeting regarding the transfer.

Chair Schumm explained that on its face, the TIM program has not changed since its approval in 2008-09. The movement into the TM Department, though, could represent a shift in the program's academic focus, as the proposed new hires for TM are in the areas of entrepreneurship and sustainability. These areas were not part of the original TIM program.

### **Proposal for Graduate Certificate in Science & Justice**

The council reviewed a revised proposal to establish a graduate certificate program in Science and Justice. Members discussed the changes in the proposal that were made in response to the original review (October 17, 2013). The council agreed that the revised proposal addressed all the issues the Council had raised and it was enthusiastically approved. Members expressed hopes that interdisciplinarity of the certificate program will inspire similar efforts in other areas of the university.

### **Languages and Applied Linguistics Department Proposal**

The council reviewed the proposal to change the UCSC Language Program to a Department of Languages and Applied Linguistics. The program has minimal graduate involvement currently but the proposal included a potential master's program. The council enthusiastically supported the establishment of the department.

### **Film & Digital Media External Review Deferral Request**

The council reviewed a request from the Film & Digital Media Department to delay its external review. Members had no objections to a deferral, but found no academic reason to choose between a full year deferral or a two-quarter deferral.

### **Program Statement Changes**

The council conducted its annual review of proposed program statement changes.

*Science Communication Program* – The council discussed the lack of detail provided in the program statement, which stands as the document of record for degree requirements. The program proposes a change to its admissions requirements (eliminating the need for certain aspects of the GRE exam) and the council will request more rationale for this change prior to approving the program statement.

*Chemistry and Biochemistry* – The program proposes to only require three of four subject attainment exams be passed instead of four of four. The council will request more detail on the selection of the three required exams before approving the program statement.

*Ecology and Evolutionary Biology – Approved*

**METX Degree Title**

The council reviewed a request from the Microbiology and Environmental Toxicology Department to grant a Ph.D. degree with the program title “Environmental Toxicology” instead of “Microbiology and Environmental Toxicology.” After investigating the history of the name change of the department (to include “Microbiology”), the council determined that the student in question did not have catalog rights to the “Environmental Toxicology” degree title. By majority vote, the council decided to not allow the degree title exception.

**Five-Year Perspectives on Academic Programs**

The Council completed its annual review of the Five-Year Perspectives document, shared with the senate by VPAA Lee. Members noted that many areas that are conversationally important to campus are not present in the document, such as materials science. The practice of writing and sharing the five-year perspectives has become perfunctory, and the council doubts that it remains a useful exercise in which the faculty can participate. On the other hand, this is one of the only formal conduits for the discussion of directions and priorities between the administration and the Senate.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.