

GRADUATE COUNCIL
April 10, 2014
Kerr Hall Room 307, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Present: Bruce Schumm, *Chair*, John Bowin, Pascale Garaud, Deborah Gould, Ken Kletzer, Leta Miller, Tyrus Miller, *ex officio*, Seth Rubin, Wang-Chiew Tan, Christy Caldwell (Library Rep), Micha Rahder (Graduate Rep)

Absent: Juan Poblete, Michelle Glowa (Graduate Rep), Erin Ellison (Graduate Rep)

Guest: Ram Akella (Professor, Technology and Information Management)

Consent Agenda

GC to Education re: Ph.D. Annual Reporting Expectations approved by consent.

GC to EVC re: 2014-15 Faculty FTE Requests approved as modified.

All minutes approved by consent (1/30/14, 2/13/14, 2/27/14, 3/13/14).

Routine Announcements

Chair

Chair Schumm provided a brief update from the April 9, 2014 CCGA meeting. Topics included a discussion of composite benefits, the upcoming All UC Conference on Doctoral Education to be held April 15, 2014 and a discussion of the March 12, 2014 Graduate Advocacy Day in Sacramento.

Dean of Graduate Studies

Dean Miller reported on the UC Graduate Advocacy Day in Sacramento held on March 12, 2014. President Napolitano attended and did some advocacy work while she was there, holding a Q&A session at lunch as well as meetings throughout the day. Two UCSC graduate students were also in attendance.

Dean Miller also reported on the All-UC Conference on Doctoral Education to be held April 15, 2014 at UC Irvine, convened by University Provost Aimée Dorr. Each campus sends five representatives. Representatives from UCSC include EVC Alison Galloway, Vice Chancellor of Research Scott Brandt, VPDGS Tyrus Miller, Dean of Physical and Biological Sciences David Belanger, and the president of the Graduate Student Association Cameron Alston. This one day conference aims toward practical outcomes, including how to adopt or implement proposals and inform further work.

Dean Miller noted that the newly announced National Science Foundation Research Traineeship (NRT) program replaces the IGERT program. Two proposals will be selected from the campus. Dean Miller announced he would like to have members of the Graduate Council read two-page proposals. The time commitment is expected to be about 90 minutes. Two readers in addition to Chair Schumm are requested. The Vice Chancellor of Research and Graduate Dean will round out the readers.

Library Representative

Three candidates for University Librarian are visiting the campus this month.

Consultation with Professor Akella

The council consulted with TIM program faculty member Ram Akella on the issue of the transfer of the TIM graduate program into the TM Department. Professor Akella provided correspondence prior to the meeting outlining his reasoning and request to GC to withhold approval of the transfer.

Professor Akella noted there are issues with differences in courses between the approved and existing program. The council commented that there is some factual work that needs to be done here to investigate if changes were made without Senate approval.

The council asked Professor Akella to comment on three possibilities for the TIM program: 1) TIM remains in School of Engineering, 2) TIM moves to TM department but maintains its own bylaws (hiring would be Bylaw 55 controlled but other aspects only TIM faculty would have say), and 3) TIM moves to TM department and TIM becomes a program within the TM department. Professor Akella responded that the first option, in his view, offers most protection for TIM program faculty than the other options. Professor Akella noted that this maintains TIM in the School of Engineering until a critical mass can be reached and TIM can form its own department.

Transfer to TM Department

Having consulted with Dean Ramirez (3/13/14) and Professor Akella, the council deliberated on the transfer of the TIM graduate program into the TM Department. The council deliberated on the questions of degree requirements and curriculum staffing. A question was raised about the clarity of the issues the council has been presented with. The council agreed that additional questions need to be raised regarding degree requirements to gain a full understanding of the curriculum.

Education Ph.D. Report and Program Statement

The council reviewed the single track proposal, deferring the full report, changes to MA credential program and Ed.D. Program Redesign Planning outline for the next (4/24/14) council meeting. On the issue of the single track proposal, the council discussed that overall it looks like a viable track, but some concerns remain. The council agreed to request that the Education Department provide further insight into how the changes made maintain the quality of the program. The council also recommends a six-year external review cycle. The council will draft correspondence to the Education Department to address these last concerns.

Program Statement Changes

The council determined that a review of Mathematics program statement changes will take place at the next council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.