

GRADUATE COUNCIL
April 24, 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*, Juan Poblete, Wang-Chiew Tan, Christy Caldwell (Library Rep), Erin Ellison (Graduate Rep), Micha Rahder (Graduate Rep)

Absent: Seth Rubin, Michelle Glowa (Graduate Rep)

Guest: Jim Moore, Assistant Dean, Graduate Division

Routine Announcements

Chair

Chair provided further context to grad growth principles e-mail sent out to members earlier this week.

Alumni lunch is coming up on Friday, April 25. Topics for discussion will include online education, internationalization, as well as a discussion of companies profiting from the extraction of fossil fuels.

Dean of Graduate Studies

Jim Moore: Forty alumni have RSVP'd for this Friday's Alumni Cocktail hour. First event UCSC has had and advertised for Alumni Weekend for graduate alumni.

VPDGS Miller will attend Alumni Cocktail hour and the Panetta Dinner that follows. Three graduate students are participating in the latter event. Students will talk about their projects.

VPDGS Miller reported on the All-UC Conference on Doctoral Education held on April 15 at UC Irvine, convened by University Provost Aimée Dorr. Five representatives from campus were in attendance, including 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.

There were a number of one page recommendations about best practices, discussions about potential benefits and impacts, and estimates of costs. A number of different measures yielded substantial discussion. For example, there was discussion of nonresident tuition (NRT) mitigation as well as two issues that might involve new funding. The first is a CSU/UC pipeline program with a potential fellowship dimension. This strongly speaks to state interest, diversity and access. There was also discussion of a second systemwide version, using matching funds for development work for graduate fellowships. These two may be put forward for implementation.

Brief snapshot of admissions: We are at record number of enrollments (graduate). The numbers are pre-melt. Master's enrollment has increased substantially with modest growth for Ph.D. students.

There is a Graduate Research Symposium that is taking place May 9th at McHenry Library. We have enough presentations, but still have space for more. Deadline has been extended to Monday April 28.

Library Representative

University Librarian position: The second of three candidate visits has just wrapped up. The third candidate will visit the campus next week, Wednesday April 30, 10am. Candidates have been meeting with campus leadership.

TIM Transfer to TM Department

The council was scheduled to deliberate on the transfer of the TIM graduate program into the TM Department. The committee will continue to deliberate on the TIM transfer at the next GC meeting.

Education Ph.D. Report and Program Statement

The committee reviewed and discussed the report from the Education Department in response to the Council's (2/20/14) memo. The council continued to deliberate on the report submitted by the Department and developed further questions where the council would like clarification.

Program Statement Changes

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

Science Communication—Updated program statement approved.

The council is requesting additional information before further considering program statement changes for Film & Digital Media, Computer Engineering, Mathematics, and Computer Science.

Compendium Review

The council reviewed the Academic Planning Council's (APC) proposed changes to the Compendium, which formalizes systemwide review processes to establish, transfer, consolidate, disestablish, and discontinue academic programs, schools, colleges, and research units. The council is in support of APC's proposed changes.

GPA Calculation for Graduate Students Repeating a Course C, D, F, or U

The council considered the Registrar's request for clarification of policy regarding calculating GPA for graduate students in cases where a course has been repeated because of grade insufficient to receive credit. The council considered the circumstances under which graduate students might need to repeat a course, other options available to them, and how graduate student standards might differ from undergraduate student standards. The council will continue to deliberate on this issue at the next (5/8/14) meeting.

Graduate Growth Principles

The council discussed a draft letter on graduate growth principles that is expected to go before SEC within the next month. Chair Schumm noted that the Senate Chair drafted some principles, and the council used those as a springboard to develop the draft the committee is reviewing today. The SEC subcommittee (CAP Chair, CEP Chair, GC Chair) working on this issue decided to take these draft principles to their respective committees for a preliminary review.

The council reviewed the draft letter and deliberated on a set of key issues, including a discussion of funding models, the public interest mission of the University, and developing criteria for evaluating growth. The council will continue to work together to draft a version of the letter that incorporates the issues raised by the council.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.