

GRADUATE COUNCIL
May 8, 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, Seth Rubin, Wang-Chiew Tan, Micha Rahder (Graduate Rep), Christy Caldwell (Library Rep)

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

Consent Agenda

The following correspondence was approved by consent:

GC to Education Department re Curriculum Plan
GC to Film and Digital Media re Program Statement
GC to Computer Engineering re Program Statement
GC to Mathematics re Program Statement

The Computer Science Updated Program Statement reviewed April 24, 2014 was approved by consent.

Routine Announcements

Chair

The Chancellor's Advisory Board and SEC meetings will be held on Tuesday May 13, 2014.

Graduate growth principles document discussed at the last GC meeting are maturing. Chair Schumm discusses that this will likely need to go to the full Senate for review.

The CCGA Meeting was held May 7, 2014. Composite benefits was one topic of discussion. Chair Schumm also briefly discussed the UC Doctoral Alumni Survey and the recent UC Summit on Graduate Education.

Dean of Graduate Studies

UCSC's Graduate Research Symposium takes place May 9, 2014 from 1:30 -4pm. The Symposium will feature 11 media presentations and a full array of poster and oral presentations.

Dean Miller discussed two programs. The first is a new campus program, the Chancellor's Graduate Teaching Fellows Program. There are three formats: discovery seminars (allowing smaller classes for undergraduates), mentored research (graduate students lead undergraduate students in field work, studio work, archival work, lab work), and a smaller (in terms of class size) version of a larger lecture course (to allow the course to include more research and pedagogical experiences). This is good professional development experience for graduate students and gives undergraduates the opportunity to interact with graduate students as mentors and models. Applications close May 19, 2014.

The second program is the Chancellor's Graduate Internship Program. Five are being awarded this year. The deadline is June 3, 2014.

One member asks about the possibility of having more dissertation quarter or year fellowships that would give students focused time to devote to their studies. There are currently no new such programs.

The National Science Foundation Research Traineeship replaces the IGERT program. The selection committee will select two proposals to submit from the campus.

Librarian Representative

The interviews for University Librarian have been completed. A decision will be made at the end of the month. The announcement is expected to come from UCOP by June 2014.

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

The council revisited 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. Previously, 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 summarized these points and added that the new policy should be clear that program faculty decisions should not be superseded by the policy. A designated member will draft the language for the new policy determined by the council.

TIM Program Degree Requirements and Transfer to TM Department

The council reviewed correspondence about TIM degree requirements and summarized key issues relevant to the council's discussion. The council determined three areas are in need of deliberation 1) the clarification of degree requirements, 2) the transfer of the TIM program into TM, and 3) the capacity of the program to staff their curricular offerings. The council agreed to draft correspondence approving the transfer of TIM to the TM Department, with conditions required to avoid program suspension of admissions for 2015-16. The council will revisit this topic, and review the draft correspondence, at the May 22, 2014 meeting.

WASC Institutional Report Draft

As part of the campus's re-accreditation review, the administration has asked relevant Senate committees to review the WASC Institutional Report draft. The administration expects to have a final version of the report next fall, and to submit this report in winter 2015. The council reviewed the draft report and approved the draft with no additional comments.

Master's in Applied Economics and Finance

The council considered a request from the Economics Department to give applicants to the master's in Applied Economics and Finance the option of substituting the GMAT for the GRE. The council reviewed correspondence from the Program Director and agreed that this option made sense given the nature of the program and approved the request by unanimous consent.

American Studies Disestablishment and Associated Program Discontinuance

The council reviewed the proposal for disestablishment of American Studies and associated program discontinuance. Given there are no longer department faculty to administer the program or courses, the Graduate Council agreed with the proposal request.

Computational Media Department Proposal

The council reviewed the proposal to establish a Department of Computational Media in the Baskin School of Engineering and an accompanying change in administrative home of the programs.

Member Wang-Chiew Tan recused herself from the discussion.

The council discussed the broader context of the emergence of the proposal, including the tensions evident in establishing the new Computational Media Department, which is separating from the Computer Science Department. The council noted, however, that on appears, it appears that the remaining Computer Science faculty are supportive of the new program, but do not want the new department to dip into their resources. The council deliberated whether the new department faculty would be able to mount a Ph.D. program, and pointed out that it is possible to make the program contingent on hires. The council agreed that there would need to be an MOU between the departments.

The Council further notes that an external review is coming up, and deliberated whether it would make sense to wait for the external review to take place. The council also recommended that special attention be paid to ensure that the external review committee would be composed of faculty on both sides. Overall, the council found merit in establishing a new Computational Media Department, but would also like to hear from the external review committee. The council will draft correspondence and the committee will revisit this topic at the May 22, 2014 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

