

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**June 5, 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, Juan Poblete, Wang-Chiew Tan, Christy Caldwell (Library Rep)

**Absent:** Micha Rahder (Graduate Rep), Michelle Glowa (Graduate Rep), Erin Ellison (Graduate Rep)

**Guest:** Jim Moore, Assistant Dean, Graduate Studies

**Consent Agenda**

Draft minutes (5/8/14 and 5/22/14) approved as written.

The following correspondence was approved by consent:

GC re Designated Emphasis in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies  
GC re Music Department Mid-Cycle Review Report

**Routine Announcements**

*Chair*

Chair Schumm reported on the CCGA meeting of June 4, 2014. The Scientific Computing and Applied Mathematics M.S. program proposal reviewed by Graduate Council is already up at CCGA. The Technology and Information Management (TIM) transfer to TM was approved by CCGA.

The faculty remuneration study will be released July 18, 2014. The study will examine the competitiveness of faculty salaries.

Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) will have only limited increases to existing programs.

Graduate student TA strike was averted. TA stipends will see annual raises of 5%, 4%, 4%, and 3% over the next four years. This may make packages more competitive.

Assembly Bill 1834, which seeks to give graduate students researchers (GSRs) the right to unionize is in the assembly now and is likely to go to the Senate. If it passes, it will then go to the Governor's desk.

The graduate growth principles document is at SEC. This will be reviewed in the fall, at which point there will be a different SEC and a different Chair.

*Dean of Graduate Studies*

Jim Moore: Graduate Studies has just announced the new Chancellor's Graduate Teaching Fellows. Forty-three proposals came in. Next year, there will be a longer application period, and this will likely translate into more applications. Graduate Division will also clarify the application process.

**Scientific Computing and Applied Mathematics M.S. Program Proposal**

The Council was scheduled to revisit the proposal for a master's degree in Scientific Computing and Applied Mathematics. The Council reviewed and approved the proposal on-line prior to the Council meeting.

**Education Ph.D. Curriculum Plan and Program Statement**

The Council reviewed the Education Department's response to GC's 5/12/14 memo asking for clarification on their curriculum plan, as well as the department's program statement. The Council concluded that the department has faced challenges to mounting their curriculum but have satisfactorily addressed these challenges. The Graduate Council approved the Education program statement.

**Program Statement Changes**

The Council continued its annual review of proposed program changes.

*Feminist Studies*—approved

*Film and Digital Media*—approved, with a minor recommendation to amend language regarding qualifying exam deadlines to maximize flexibility for the program.

*Mathematics*—approved.

The Council is requesting additional information before further considering program statement changes for Computer Engineering and Biomolecular Engineering.

**Revised Proposal for the Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs (SSGDPDP) Policy**

The Council reviewed the revised version of the proposed SSGDPDP policy. The Academic Planning Council (APC) developed the revised policy in response to Senate comments earlier this year. The Council articulated clear concerns in their earlier response. The Council concluded that the new policy does not address issues of financial accessibility raised by the Council earlier this year. Chair Schumm will draft a response making this point.

**Campus Requests for Online Course Proposals: Cross-Campus Enrollments, Coursera**

The Council reviewed two campus requests from VPAA Lee's office for online course proposals: one for a UCSC course on the Coursera platform, and a second for courses that will be open to UC cross-campus enrollments.

The Council discussed the proposals at length, and raised several concerns during that discussion, including a concern with the provision that the cross-campus enrollment course be offered six times over three years, a concern that Appendix B was not included and the Council could therefore not review the content of the document faculty would be asked to sign, and concerns about the

criteria for the selection of courses. In addition, the Council raised issues about the costs of each class, criteria, and the strategic vision for online courses, particularly in context of the variability in how “stable” the course content can be, across fields and disciplines. The Council concluded that in their response, they will make suggestions to improve the RFP as well as note the broader concerns raised by the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.