

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**December 5, 2013**  
**Kerr Hall Room 307, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

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

Absent: Tyrus Miller, *ex officio*, Jim Moore

**Routine Announcements**

*Chair*

Chair Schumm reported that the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) is taking up the issue of nonresident supplemental tuition (NRT). This additional tuition applies for all out of state students (including international) until they become California residents. Once a student advances to candidacy, the NRT is relieved for three years but then kicks back in if the student has not completed the Ph.D. UCSC sponsors NRT fellowships, but the program is fairly limited and the council may wish to examine what is done on other UC campuses.

*Graduate Student Association Representative*

Representative Rahder reported that the bargaining between the administration and the TA union will continue into 2014. The union is concerned that UCSC loses top-quality graduate students because departments are not able to offer competitive funding packages.

*Librarian Representative*

Representative Caldwell reported that the search for the UCSC Librarian has started, with VPAA Lee chairing the search committee.

**Request from Education Department Chair to Suspend Admissions to Ph.D. Program**

Professor Dana Takagi, the receiver Chair for the Education Department, requested that Graduate council consider suspending admissions to the Education Ph.D. program due to concerns that the department faculty cannot mount the appropriate courses to move students towards the degree. The council discussed the UCSC policy for suspension of admissions to a graduate program and agreed to engage this request in the winter quarter through consultation with Chair Takagi and representatives of the department faculty.

**Proposal for a Designated Emphasis in Mechanistic, Structural, and Chemical Biology**

The council continued its discussion of the proposal for a DE in Mechanistic, Structural and Chemical Biology. Member Rubin explained the curricular layout of the proposed DE and the council questioned the fluid nature of the course requirements. The council agreed that DEs are typically well-defined tracks and are open to students of any discipline, neither of which is true of the DE proposed. After discussion Member Rubin concurred that the proposal might be better suited as a concentration rather than a DE, and committed to address the issues with his department and revisit the proposal at a later date.

### **Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDP) Policy**

The council reviewed the proposed SSGPDP policy, specifically addressing the potential impacts on the policy on existing academic programs at UCSC. Because this systemwide policy would require significant work for individual campus implementation, the council agreed to review this issue more closely when UCSC begins discussing its implementation plan.

### **External Review Report for the Philosophy Department**

Member Kletzer provided a summary of the external review committee report for the Philosophy Department. He noted that in the two years since admissions to the Ph.D. program were reinstated, the department has only admitted four students. This, combined with departmental indecision on faculty hiring calls into question the viability of the Ph.D. program. The department focuses much attention on the Masters program in philosophy, but the external review committee recommends that the department should broaden its scope to attract more students from outside of UCSC.

The council discussed the state of the Philosophy Ph.D. program, noting that suspension of admissions ought to be considered if by mid-cycle review the existing students are not properly supported or the open faculty lines are not filled.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.