

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 9, 2015
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Present: Ken Kletzer (Chair), John Bowin, Pascale Garaud, Kimberly Jannarone, Dean Mathiowetz, Sue Carter (ex officio), Stefano Profumo, Erica Smeltzer (Graduate Student Rep), Jeb Purucker (Graduate Student Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate)

Absent: Jonathan Fortney, Roberto Manduchi, Wang-Chiew Tan, Christy Caldwell (Library Rep)

Guest: Jim Moore, Assistant Dean, Graduate Studies Division

Consent Agenda

Consent agenda (Minutes 2/12/15, Minutes 2/26/15, Minutes 3/12/15) approved.

Routine Announcements

Chair

Chair Kletzer provided an update on the systemwide Coordinating Council on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) meeting of April 8, 2015. CCGA's memo regarding self-supporting graduate professional degree programs will be coming to the divisions soon. He also updated the Council on hybrid degree programs review by CCGA, an issue raised at that meeting. Programs that create a pathway between existing bachelor's and master's degree are treated as a pro-forma concurrence; essentially an information item.

Chair Kletzer announced that two Council representatives missed their respective external review closure meetings. He reminded the Council these meetings are high priority, and the analyst and Chair should be immediately notified in case of unavoidable absence.

Dean of Graduate Studies

Acting Graduate Dean Carter noted that preparations for the 11th Annual Graduate Research Symposium, an event where students present their research, are underway. The symposium is scheduled for April 24, 2015.

Sixteen Chancellor's Teaching Fellows have been selected.

Dissertation Fellowship Awards are expected to be announced soon.

Acting Dean Carter noted that the UCSC campus has the lowest enrollment numbers for doctoral and master's students.

Graduate Student Representative

None.

Librarian Representative

None.

External Review Closure Meeting Briefing

Literature

A brief update on the closure meeting of March 31, 2015 was provided by Acting Dean Carter. Topics of discussion included graduate enrollments and TAships.

Divisional FTE Requests

The Council continued discussion of the 2015-16 divisional faculty recruitment proposals. The Council discussed the requests after discussing the scope and depth of its response, key elements of review, and the Council's guiding principles for review in context of the CP/EVC's guidelines. Council review of the FTE requests will continue at the next meeting.

Electrical Engineering Request for Changes to Previously Approved Plan II Masters

Graduate Council reviewed the Electrical Engineering (EE) Department's request for changes to the Plan II Master's Program, which included a proposal to add a comprehensive exam to the approved "thesis" (Plan I) and "project" (Plan II) tracks currently in place and approved by Graduate Council in winter 2014.

Guided by current policy, the council decided that Plan II can be a comprehensive exam or a project option. The Council further decided that an updated proposal should be submitted clearly stating a request for the Plan I and II options. Members also raised that clarification was needed on the distribution of students for Plan I and II given the high rate of graduate enrollments in the department, and recommended that the comprehensive exam be the default option for the master's program. In addition, the Council noted that additional information is needed on the nature of the comprehensive exam and the impact of department graduate growth on other departments within the division, given that courses from other departments were proposed to satisfy the EE masters requirements.

Program Statement Changes

The Council reviewed several proposed program statement changes for 2015-16, and approved the following program statements: Chemistry and Biochemistry, Ocean Sciences, History of Art and Visual Culture, Technology Management. The Council is requesting additional information and/or revisions before further considering the following program statements: Computer Science, MCD Biology.