GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 7, 2015
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Present: Ken Kletzer (Chair), John Bowin, Pascale Garaud, Kimberly Jannarone, Roberto Manduchi, Sue Carter (ex officio), Wang-Chiew Tan, Christy Caldwell (Library Rep), Erica Smeltzer (Graduate Student Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate)

Absent: Jonathan Fortney, Dean Mathiowetz, Stefano Profumo, Jeb Purucker (Graduate Student Rep)

Routine Announcements
Chair
Chair Kletzer provided an update on the systemwide Coordinating Council for Graduate Affairs (CCGA) meeting of May 6, 2015. He reported that sexual assault and harassment policies are under review for the university as a whole. Currently most of the focus is on student on student violence but concerns were raised at CCGA about the reporting status of faculty—i.e. are faculty mandated reporters? From the CCGA discussion, it is clear there isn't a uniform policy across campuses about TA training. A Council member raised a concern that although our campus plans to institute mandatory training, there is no specification yet as to what the training will entail. A second issue raised was mental health of graduate students--the 2014 Berkeley Well Being and Happiness Report was discussed.

Chair Kletzer encouraged members to send any recommendations or comments on CCGA's memo on self-supporting graduate professional degree programs. We may later see self-supporting program proposals on our campus. He reported that CCGA will review programs and examine 1) do these make a compelling case that the program serves the academic mission of the university, 2) are these financially viable and truly self-supporting. CCGA would like to see these programs on a shorter review cycle.

Member Garaud serves as Senate Executive Committee (SEC) alternate for Chair Kletzer. She reported that at the April 28, 2015 meeting, SEC debriefed the recent UCSC Budget meeting with President Napolitano (April 23, 2015), which took place at the Office of the President. Member Garaud reported meeting topics included monetizing research, appropriate time to degree completion, and training and preparation of students.

The Chair proposed, and the Council agreed, to the addition of the One-Year Master's Pathway (discussed at the 4/23/15 meeting) on today's agenda.

Dean of Graduate Studies
Acting Graduate Dean Carter provided an update on admissions. She reported on general trends including that the campus is a bit lower than expected on doctoral acceptance numbers, but comparable to previous years. Master's acceptances are above expectation. She also reported an increase in nonresident master's student acceptances. She is currently examining if we have exceeded our budgeted numbers of international acceptances, and what the implications might be.

Acting Dean Carter thanked the Council for reviewing the Dissertation Year Fellowship applications. Awards will be announced by May 8, 2015. The Chancellor's Internship and Sabbatical Quarter fellowships are also coming up.

The Grad Slam, a competition in which students present the "three minute thesis" held its UC wide final in Oakland on May 4. Winners from the campus competition have been posted on the UCSC Graduate Division website.

Graduate Student Representative
Representative Smeltzer added that postdoc mentorship was also a topic of discussion at the CCGA meeting. She noted this is a precarious group that is not very well tracked through the system. She also highlighted that the Council does not have a Postdoctoral Scholars Association (PSA) representative [Ed-the Graduate Division reports that since around 2009, the campus has not had an active PSA].

Librarian Representative
None.

Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 13.21 (GC Charge)
GC's "Amendment to Bylaw 13.21" was submitted to the April 22, 2015 Senate meeting and was referred back to Council after a Senator raised a question about GC and CPB advisory and plenary authority on academic programs. The Council reviewed a revised amendment proposal that resolves the issue and adds further clarification to Graduate Council authority over academic programs. Members finalized and approved the amendment proposal in preparation for a second round of Senate review and re-submission to the May 29, 2015 Senate meeting.

One-Year Master's Pathway Draft Guidelines
The Council reviewed draft correspondence on guidelines developed by VPAA Lee on the one-year master's pathway. The Council deliberated several issues, including double counting of courses across the bachelor's/master's, plans for supporting students in the master's program, admissions process and deadlines, number of units, and terminology that better describes and clarifies that the programs are contiguous and not simultaneous. The Council deliberated the approval process and the information specific proposals should include (guidelines for proposing departments to follow). The Council will continue to collaborate with VPAA Lee on this issue to finalize the process and guidelines.

Computational Media M.S./Ph.D. Degrees Proposal
The Council conducted first review of a proposal from the Computational Media Department for M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. The Council review included discussion of proposed course requirements, FTE and advising load, and anticipated steady state enrollments. The Council will continue its review of the proposal at its next meeting.

Chancellor's Graduate Teaching Fellows Program
The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) wrote to the Council raising concerns about the Chancellor's Graduate Teaching Fellows Program. As part of this fellowship, graduate students are expected to design and teach a course. CEP noted that it supports this fellowship but raised concerns about approving courses tied to a students' award and about the timeline for approval. GC reviewed CEP's letter and discussed next steps and a response to CEP. GC has not been involved in the process of developing the fellowship or selecting the awardees, and considered how to work more closely with the Graduate Division on this issue.

The Council agreed that both Senate committees should be working more closely with the Graduate Division to ensure the fellowship application and approval process addresses the concerns raised. The Council recommended that: a) there should be a CEP representative on the selection committee of the Chancellor's Teaching Fellows Program, and b) that the Graduate Division redesign the application and approval process to enable course review earlier in the academic year. The Council also recommended that both CEP and GC review and provide input into the revision of the application guidelines by the Graduate

Division. The Council also noted that it did not think it necessary to have a Council representative on the Chancellor's Graduate Teaching Fellows Program selection committee at this time.

Mid-Cycle Reports: Art and Psychology
VPAA Lee forwarded mid-cycle reports for Art and Psychology, recommending a six year review cycle for Art and an eight year review cycle for Psychology in his transmittal letter. The Council reviewed the mid-cycle reports, in context of the progress made within each department toward addressing issues raised in previous external reviews. The Council concurred with the VPAA's recommendation for a six-year cycle for the Art Department and an eight-year cycle for the Psychology Department.

Revenue Sharing Models for Online Education Courses
The Council was asked to review and make recommendations on the online education revenue sharing models proposed by Vice Provost for Academic Affairs (VPAA) Lee. The Council reviewed the material and decided not to comment on the proposed models.

Program Statement Changes
The Council reviewed three proposed program statement changes for 2015-16, and approved the proposed statement for Computational Media. The Council is requesting additional information and/or revisions before further considering program statements for Feminist Studies, Sociology.