GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 21, 2015
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Present: Ken Kletzer (Chair), John Bowin, Jonathan Fortney, Pascale Garaud, Kimberly Jannarone, Roberto Manduchi, Dean Mathiowetz, Sue Carter (ex officio), Stefano Profumo, Wang-Chiew Tan, Esthela Bañuelos (Senate)

Absent: Christy Caldwell (Library Rep), Erica Smeltzer (Graduate Student Rep), Jeb Purucker (Graduate Student Rep)

Routine Announcements
Chair
Member Garaud serves as Senate Executive Committee (SEC) alternate for Chair Kletzer. She reported on the May 12, 2015 meeting, in which campus Title IX Officer Tracey Tusgawa presented the recently restructuring of the Title IX office. Her office will now be the first point of contact for complaints. Her office is putting documents together on what complaints are confidential and what complaints are not confidential. Member Garaud also reported that faculty are mandated to report to Tracey. The Title IX office will also be working with the Graduate Division to make sexual harassment training mandatory for all graduate students. This training will likely be implemented in fall 2015.

Dean of Graduate Studies
Acting Graduate Dean Carter announced that the Graduate Division awarded a posthumous Ph.D. to Chris Chitty (History of Consciousness).

The Graduate Division is aware of and working to resolve the issue of Silicon Valley students paying for services that can only be accessed on the main campus.

Acting Dean Carter provided an update on accepted offers for fall 2015:
Doctoral: 90 domestic, 159 non-resident (57 of the NR are international)
Masters: 130 domestic, 199 non-resident (142 of the NR are international)
Certificate: 3 domestic, 7 non-resident (none of the NR are international)

A member raised a question about nonresident supplemental tuition after the first year. Chair Kletzer clarified the proposal put forward by the Joint Senate/Administrative Task Force on Graduate Growth, to model a program on the UCSC campus after UCSB’s IDR program. At this point, it is a proposal, and has not been implemented.

Member’s Items
One member announced that the Graduate Division has data on reasons accepted students decline offers, and can provide this data over time. The Divisional Dean requested this data, and it is available to any division that requests it.

Graduate Student Representative
None.

Librarian Representative
None.
External Review Closure Meeting Briefings

History of Consciousness
Chair Kletzer provided a brief update on the History of Consciousness Department external review closure meeting (May 1, 2015). The Council lead reviewer was member Anand, who attended the closure meeting but is not serving on the Council this quarter. Topics for discussion included graduate support, including TA support, curricular systematization, and goals for graduate size within context of FTE resources) and faculty resources (growth plans, the role of affiliated faculty). The proposed minor was also discussed and relevant to the Council in terms of the opportunities for graduate support it is anticipated to provide.

Computational Media M.S. and Ph.D. Degrees Proposal
Graduate Council continued its review of the Computational Media M.S. and Ph.D. proposal. Graduate Council also reviewed the Committee on Planning and Budget’s response to the proposal. The Council noted that both committees indicated support for the proposal, and agreed the proposed programs are novel and exciting additions to campus programs. Although CPB found no specific resource issues to highlight, they raised workload issues that also concerned the Council.

The Council requested specific revisions the proposal within the following areas: faculty workload, student preparation, course availability, normative time, exams, and physical space needs. The Council agreed that with the revisions suggested, the proposal should soon be ready to forward to UCOP and CCGA. The Council expects to review the revised proposal early in fall quarter 2015.

Proposal for a Designated Emphasis in Computational Media
Computational Media faculty submitted a proposal for a Designated Emphasis in Computational Media. The Council reviewed the proposal and will request that a few issues be addressed and worked out and a proposal resubmitted for review. The Council decided the following should be addressed in a revised proposal: clarification of DE requirements, particularly writing requirements, clarification of process for changes to the DE, clarification of requirements and feasibility of completion for M.S. students, and creation of a standard student application form.

Proposal for a Designated Emphasis in Human Language Media Modeling (HLMM)
The Council reviewed a proposal from and interdisciplinary group of faculty for a Designated Emphasis in HLMM. Members expressed enthusiasm about the prospect of creating an interdisciplinary DE that will take advantage of complementary interests among faculty in different disciplinary areas. As the DE is proposed to be offered by an interdisciplinary collaboration of faculty rather than by an established program, the Council noted that it faces some challenges for ensuring continuing participation and leadership. The Council also noted that the HLMM is not yet degree granting, and supported making an exception to GC’s general provision that “a DE generally involves the cooperation of two degree granting programs.”

The Council will request that a few issues be addressed and worked out and a proposal resubmitted for review, including: clarification of DE requirements, particularly writing requirements, clarification of the six seminars requirement and the CMPM 280z course, clarification of process for changes to the DE, clarification of requirements and feasibility of completion for M.S. students, and creation of a standard student application form.

Program Statement Changes
The Council reviewed program statement changes for 2015-16 submitted by the Literature department, and is requesting additional information before further considering proposed changes.