

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
November 20, 2014
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Present: Ken Kletzer (Chair), John Bowin, Jonathan Fortney, Roberto Manduchi, Dean Mathiowetz, Leta Miller, Wang-Chiew Tan, Christy Caldwell (Library Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Pranav Anand, Kimberly Jannarone, Tyrus Miller (ex officio), Stefano Profumo, Miten Jain (Graduate Student Rep), Erica Smeltzer (Graduate Student Rep), Daniel Rudin (Graduate Student Rep)

Guests: Jim Moore, Assistant Dean, Graduate Studies; Sue Carter, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies

Routine Announcements

Chair

Chair Kletzer provided a brief update from the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) meeting of November 18, 2014. SEC is moving forward with the formation of a Joint Senate/Administrative Task Force on Graduate Growth, to be co-chaired by Senate Vice Chair Olöf Einarsdóttir. Two GC members will serve on the task force.

Dean of Graduate Studies

Dean of Graduate Studies Tyrus Miller is absent.

Council Guest and Associate Dean Carter announces her new position with the Graduate Division. As Associate Dean, she noted her job involves finding mechanisms for funding graduate growth. She stated she will deal with support and enrollment, and is focused most on adding M.S. degree programs and programs that may be launched in Silicon Valley. She will also be involved in fellowship and external funding (raising money), internships, and faculty grants. She noted that she is also overseeing grants that might cross divisions, departments, and grants involved in Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) status. Associate Dean Carter also noted she is trying to understand best practices and is spending time consolidating resources and offering better programming for graduate professional development.

Associate Dean Carter also announced that she attended the Senate meeting of November 7, 2014, where the topic of graduate growth was on the agenda. She highlighted a graduate student critique of campus efforts to raise enrollments while not adequately supporting the students already here, and suggested this should be taken up by the task force on graduate growth. She also announced that representatives from Academic Analytics were on campus. Academic Analytics, she noted, is a depository of data that allows the campus to get a handle on where we are missing opportunities for external grant funding.

A brief discussion ensued among members. Chair Kletzer noted Dean Miller will be formally consulting with the Council on graduate funding. Another member noted that growing Ph.D. students requires a lot of work, and asked if there is some type of incentive to support faculty, as there is uneven faculty mentoring of graduate students within departments. Associate Dean Carter noted that she doesn't know of any campus that does that, but we can think of using dollars more effectively. The member clarified that this should be considered in merit review, if number of mentored grad students is high, then that should be considered. The Council discussed that every discipline has a different culture of how many students to support. Associate Dean Carter noted that should go into the review of your teaching. She also noted that UCSC supports fewer grad students per faculty member than other campuses and noted that a projected growth of 600 graduate students is achievable.

Graduate Student Representative

None.

Librarian Representative

Representative Caldwell announced that the open access policy went into effect November 1. An automatic harvesters will be available in September 2015. Until then, complying with the policy is a manual process. The library will offer a service to upload publications for faculty, and an email announcement is coming soon.

In response to a member question, Representative Caldwell clarified that the open access policy applies to anything published after July 24, 2013. A member clarified that is the case, unless the publisher explicitly states you should request a waiver.

Environmental Art and Social Practice M.F.A. Proposal

The Council continued its review of the Environmental Art and Social Practice M.F.A. proposal, and reviewed the Committee on Planning and Budget's response.

The Council was supportive of the proposal, noting the proposed programs' desirable intellectual area and unique suitability to our campus. However, The Council recommended several revisions to the proposal before it is forwarded to the next stage of review. It is unclear how well faculty hires align with programmatic needs, a point members discussed was also raised by CPB. Support resources should also be more clearly articulated. The Council and also noted that part time enrollment has implications for eligibility restrictions for financial support. Since the proposed program allows for part time enrollment in the third year and plan to support some students as GSI's, the proposal should address this issue further. The Council also recommended stricter guidelines for normative time be defined for the proposed program. The Council determined the proposal should more clearly differentiate itself from similar programs in the UC and elsewhere to emphasize the uniqueness of the program in the comparison narrative within the proposal. GC also requests that the proposal be carefully reviewed, edited, and brought up to date before the next stage of review, including updating course lists, faculty biographies and other dated material. The Council noted its willingness to approve the proposal when requested revisions are implemented.

Education External Review Deferral Request

The Education Department requested a one-year extension on their external review that is set for 2015-16, with support from the Social Sciences Dean. In considering this request, the Council noted that the Education Department has substantially revised the curriculum of the Ph.D. program for the current academic year, and determined it would be beneficial to postpone a review of the revised program. The Council advised that a deferral will allow the Department to better review the progress of the program in its self-study and will provide external reviewers with more information regarding student satisfaction and recruitment. The Council recognized that the “functionality reasons” cited by Chair Wittman and Dean Kamieniecki in their deferral request are historically reasons for acceleration of program review. On balance, however, the Council commended the Department for the progress made in addressing the issues concerning the Ph.D. program the Council raised in its review in 2013-14. The Education Department’s annual report to the Council, submitted in September 2014, suggested that the faculty are responding well to receivership and that more progress might be accomplished before the external reviewers are asked to assess the department. Graduate Council supported the request for deferral of the external review.

Graduate Certificate Guidelines/Checklist

GC reviewed and approved guidelines intended for academic units and research centers seeking to propose new graduate certificate proposals. There are two types of graduate certificates: a Graduate Academic Certificate (GAC) and a graduate certificate. Only the latter are covered by the guidelines reviewed and approved by Graduate Council.

Review of Senate Regulation 682 (Residence and Length of Study)

The systemwide Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) proposed a change specifying the interval between the filing of advancement to candidacy for a Master’s degree and the conferral of the degree. The revision would allow individual graduate divisions to decide the timeframe for advancement to candidacy. The Council determined it supports the proposed change.

Review of Proposed New Policy on Open Access

The Council reviewed the proposed new Presidential Policy on Open Access is based on the policy covering Senate members. The proposed Presidential Open Access policy covers all University authors, who are “non-Senate employees and students of the University of California who author scholarly articles while employed by the University of California.” The Council noted that it may be difficult for graduate students to figure out whether they are “employed” by the University at a particular time, and if they authored their work while employed by the University. The Council suggested that (1) a clearer definition of who is covered by this policy be provided, and (2) the language referring to obtaining a waiver when the student author does not own the copyright to his or her published work be clarified. Council members also raised that Open Access policy covering non-Senate employees and students should be an opt-in rather than an opt-out policy for each publication.

External Reviews

Supplemental Question for External Review Committee (Stage 1)

Microbiology and Environmental Toxicology (METX)

The Council discussed the upcoming review of Microbiology and Environmental Toxicology, and is interested in the External Review Committee's examination of the balance of the concentrations (microbiology and environmental toxicology) within METX and how well it meets the needs of current and prospective students as well as how it matches opportunities for post-graduate employment and external funding. The Council is also interested in the ERC's comments on whether METX's extramural research funding record compares favorably within its research concentrations. The Council noted the Department expressed a desire to increase graduate student enrollment, and ask the ERC to suggest ways the Department might increase external funding for Ph.D. students.

Comments on the ERC Report (Stage 2)

Theater Arts

The Council commented on the Theater Arts external review report, and noted the ERC's praise of the Department for weathering difficult budgetary conditions and expressed enthusiasm for new initiatives related to graduate education. The Council noted the ERC report referring to departmental aspiration to create a new M.F.A. in experimental performance as well as a potential low-residency M.F.A. in Dance. The Council noted concerns with faculty overload and recommends that any proposals for new graduate programs include plans for adequate faculty FTE to offer the programs in a sustainable manner. The Council also concurred with the ERC's stated concerns about TA and funding support for any new M.F.A. programs. The Council also would like to hear more about ways that graduate students can be more widely integrated into performance opportunities on campus.