

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 25, 2016
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Present: Don Smith (Chair), David Brundage, Vilashini Cooppan, Pascale Garaud, Roberto Manduchi, Dean Mathiowetz, Tyrus Miller (ex officio), Ruby Rich, Stefano Profumo, Christy Caldwell (Library Rep), Anjali Dutt (Graduate Student Rep), Jess Whatcott (Graduate Student Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Robert Boltje, Dard Neuman

Guest: Jim Moore, Assistant Dean of Graduate Division

Member's Items

VPDGS Miller announced it is high admissions season. He also announced that the Grad Slam Event is taking place April 6, 2016. There are bigger prizes this year. The systemwide finals will be at Office of the President. Finally, he announced that the Graduate Research Symposium will take place on the Friday of Alumni Weekend (April 28, 2016).

Chair Smith announced that the Council will be reviewing the Joint Administration-Academic Senate Committee on Faculty Discipline Report, which examines how the University manages disciplinary proceedings for faculty respondents in cases alleging sexual violence, sexual assault, or sexual harassment (SVSH).

External Review Closure Meeting Briefings

Member Profumo provided a brief recap of the closure meeting for Computer Engineering. Member Mathiowetz provided a summary of the Anthropology closure meeting.

Presidential Open Access Policy Update

Library Representative Caldwell provided an overview of the UC Presidential Policy on Open Access, approved on October 23, 2015. She clarified that the policy covers everyone except Senate faculty. Graduate students are covered under this policy when they are employees, but this policy does not apply to self-supporting graduate students.

Librarian Caldwell noted the benefits to the author of being covered. The university retains the right to your article in copyright, and the article is archived (e-scholarship). Sharing articles is easier, including with colleagues and in courses, because the university holds the license.

Members raised questions about how the policy applies to graduate students, including when they own their copyright and when they don't. Members suggested a workshop for graduate students as a way to inform them of how the policy applies to this specific group.

2016-17 Divisional FTE Requests

The Council began review of the 2016-17 divisional faculty recruitment requests. Chair Smith, who is attending CPB consultations with the divisional deans, provided an overview of the GC review process. The Council discussed goals, approach, and guiding principles for review. Members also begin discussion of the requests. The Council will continue discussion of the FTE requests at its next meeting.

Program Statements Review

The Council reviewed proposed program statement changes and is requesting additional information before further review of Economics, Biomolecular Engineering. The Council approved program statement changes to History.