

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
June 9, 2016
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

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

Absent: Anjali Arondekar, Robert Boltje, Pascale Garaud, Jonathan Kahana, Dard Neuman, Anjali Dutt (Graduate Student Rep)

Guest: Jim Moore, Assistant Dean of the Graduate Division

Member's Items

Congratulations to member Mathiowetz for receiving an Excellence in Teaching Award!

Chair Smith provided an update on the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) meeting of June 1, 2016. He reported CCGA reviewed and approved the Computational Media M.S. and Ph.D. proposal. CCGA is continuing to develop guidelines for Self Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs.

Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies (VPDGS) Miller announced that he has just returned from a trip to Beijing on behalf of the Chancellor related to the 10+10 agreement between 10 U.S. universities (including seven UC campuses) and 10 Chinese universities associated with the China Scholarship Council. VPDGS Miller reported also meeting with members of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences regarding funding for international graduate students and postdoctoral scholars to UCSC.

Library Representative Caldwell announced the upcoming phase of library renovation. The library is consolidating its print collection. The top floor of the library will open as a student success center. The main floor will be open during summer, but all materials will need to be paged.

Proposal to Establish M.F.A in Social Documentation

The Council reviewed the revised proposal from the Film and Digital Media Department for an M.F.A. in Social Documentation. The Council agreed the proposal is ready for approval, pending review of outstanding external letters, which are expected in July. The Council agreed to delegate to Chair Smith review of the letters. Chair Smith will determine, based on review of the letters, to proceed with online Council approval in summer, or if substantial issues arise in the letters, to proceed with Council review in the fall.

Graduate Growth Subcommittee Draft Report

The Council reviewed a draft of the Graduate Growth subcommittee report, and discussed several issues, including faculty incentives, administrative commitment to graduate growth, targets for graduate growth, and graduate student diversity. The Council will have one last opportunity to review a revised draft before moving this item to next year.

Graduate Council and Graduate Student Welfare

The Council discussed how to best integrate efforts to enhance graduate student welfare and success. Members raised the possibility of articulating these efforts in the Council charge. Members noted this would send a signal to future Councils about graduate student welfare as an issue of interest and concern to

Council. Other members questioned whether that is necessary, and also raised issues to consider before launching such an effort, including time, boundaries and overlapping interests with other campus entities, and the Council's advisory role in this area. Members noted that two other Graduate Councils at sister UC campuses (UC Merced and UC Santa Barbara) have language in the bylaws inferring responsibility or purview over graduate student welfare related to educational success. The Council discussed the possibility of adding such a provision to its own bylaws, which would support its existing engagement with graduate student welfare. The Council expects to follow up on the issues raised, including 1) follow up with UCM and UCSB Councils about their bylaws in context of the issues raised by members, and 2) revisit this issue next year and consider the possibility of revising the Council bylaws.

FTE Recruitment Process

With VPDGS Miller recused and guest Assistant Dean Moore not present, The Council debriefed the 2016-17 faculty recruitment requests and review process. The Council also discussed the request from the Vice Chancellor of Planning and Budget (VCPB) for Council feedback on how to improve next year's call letter and associated processes. The Council discussed several recommendations to improve the process, which will be forwarded to the VCPB.