

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 20, 2016
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
DRAFT**

Present: Don Smith (Chair), Lissa Caldwell, Ben Crow, Michael Dine, Judith Habicht-Mauche, Kimberly Jannarone, Athanasios Kottas, Roberto Manduchi, Tyrus Miller (ex officio), Paul Roth, Fitnat Yildiz, Alexandra Merritt (Grad Rep), Yulia Gilichinskaya (Grad Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Christy Caldwell (Library Rep), Melanie Dickinson (Grad Rep)

Guests: None.

Members Items

Chair Smith announced the Council that he will be seeking interested members in participating in two subcommittees of the Council, on graduate growth and on professional development, and provided an overview of the planned work of each.

VPDGS Miller announced that the Graduate Division has made two new staff hires, one working on TA training and graduate pedagogy and a shared position with University Relations working on professional development.

FTE Transfer Requests

The Council reviewed four separate requests for proposed faculty FTE transfers. GC reviewed the requests and deliberated the implications of each of the transfers and the overall impacts on both the new department and former department, in preparation for making its recommendations.

Technology Information Management (TIM) Report

The Chair provided the Council with background and context for review of the TIM report. Graduate Council, after lengthy deliberation and assessment of the TIM graduate programs due to concerns about their ability to offer UC-quality programs, made the decision to indefinitely suspend the M.S., but not the Ph.D. program, beginning in fall 2015 (communicated in letter of February 18, 2015). The Council also requested an annual report on the status of the Ph.D. program and plans for re-instituting the M.S. program, to be submitted to the Council for the duration of the suspension, with the first report due January 4, 2016.

GC reviewed the TIM programs report and request to reinstate the TIM M.S. degree in January 2016. The Council noted in its responses (February 26, 2016; May 20, 2016) that the TIM report did not provide the information needed to sufficiently assess the status of the M.S. program and appropriately consider the request to reinstate the M.S. degree. Council provided a new deadline of September 15, 2016 to submit a revised report. The extended deadline in part served to provide the TM department the opportunity to submit the report when new Baskin School of Engineering Dean transition was complete.

The Council discussed the report and the request to reinstate the TIM M.S. degree. Members agreed additional information is needed, and will continue its review of the report.

External Reviews

Stage 1: Supplemental Questions for External Review Committee (ERC)

Music

The Council discussed the upcoming review of the Music Department. The Council raised questions in the following areas: structuring of the graduate tracks; support for Ph.D. students conducting field or archival research in research design, methods, and grant writing; faculty FTE planning for graduate program support.

History

The Council discussed the upcoming review of the History Department. The Council put forward questions in the following areas: structuring of the Ph.D. themes, inter-disciplinary collaborations and faculty engagement with graduate training and mentoring, and graduate student space concerns.

Stage 2: Comments on the ERC Report

Feminist Studies

The Council commented on the Feminist Studies external review report. The Council noted that the external review committee (ERC) praised the strong qualifications, achievements, and professional standing of the individual faculty, as well as the significant contributions of the faculty and the department to the broader campus at the undergraduate and graduate level. The Council noted that the ERC also raised a number of significant concerns that have serious implications for the success and sustainability of the graduate program. The Council discussed these issues at length, and raised questions for discussion at the closure meeting that seek evidence of concrete departmental plans to resolve the issues raised by the ERC that impact the graduate program. The Council will closely monitor the Feminist Studies department as plans are developed and implemented.