

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
December 1, 2016
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

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

Absent: Lissa Caldwell, Yulia Gilichinskaya (Grad Rep), Alexandra Merritt (Grad Rep)

Guest: Jim Moore, Assistant Dean, Division of Graduate Studies

Members Items

Chair Smith updated the Council on campus messages of support circulated after the election results, following interest from the Council. He also updated the Council on the activities of the professional development and graduate growth subcommittees; both expect to meet one more time before the holiday break. He also noted for new members that GC will participate in the 2017-18 faculty FTE request review process during winter quarter.

VPDGS Miller announced the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) dissertation proposal development program, which is currently undergoing changes. VPDGS Miller noted a relatively small number of campuses will pilot a somewhat revised program, and the cohort will be constituted from interdisciplinary participation. UCSC is one of five universities to undertake this version of the SSRC program, which will provide workshops and research money and involve both faculty and twelve students.

Review of PDST Policy

Graduate Council reviewed the proposed revisions to the Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) policy. The policy incorporates Regents Policy 3104: *Principles Underlying the Determination of Fees for Students of Professional Degree Programs*, into a revised Regents Policy 3103: *Policy on Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition*, and is intended to support “right sizing” of PDST levels from year to year, as well as establish a policy and process for PDSTs that is efficient for the campuses, Office of the President and the Regents.

The Council agreed with the explicit language that requires PDST levels to be based on demonstrated programmatic needs during the period of the multi-year plan (item 4b), and that the PDST plan should identify the program’s set of public and private comparators, and include an analysis of the graduate professional degree program in relation to its comparators (items 4.a.vi and 4.a.vii, respectively). Council recommended, however, that minor language be added to item 4.a.vi to include information of the comparator’s cost, so that divisional Councils can more readily evaluate both the structure and costs of comparator programs relative to the proposed UC PDST program. Council suggested the revised language could read: “identification of the program’s set of public and private comparators and their cost”. GC recognized and agreed that those comparator costs need not be used to establish PDST levels, but the information is nonetheless relevant and informative in review of the PDST.

Coastal Science & Policy M.S. (PDST) Proposal (Revised)

The Council reviewed the revised proposal for an M.S. degree in Coastal Science and Policy, and the professional degree supplemental tuition (PDST) proposal. The program is proposed as an interdepartmental program, with primary administrative oversight from the PBSci Dean. The Council noted its support for establishing the M.S. program, designed to provide an inter/transdisciplinary training in coastal environment, coastal science and policy. GC agreed the program is timely and a logical addition to campus program that will increase visibility of UCSC in the area of coastal sciences and policy. The Council noted that several concerns raised during the first review were addressed by the revised proposal, however, noted areas of lingering concern that the Council requests be addressed in a revised proposal, which will strengthen it and elicit a more favorable and rapid review by the systemwide Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA). Concerns were raised in several areas, and concerns raised by the Committee on Planning and Budget will be incorporated into GC's response.

Mid-Cycle Reports: TM & Physics

Members reviewed mid-cycle reports and recommendations from the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs (VPAA) on the external review cycle for the departments of Technology Management (TM) and Physics. The VPAA requested the committee's recommendation on length of review cycle. Citing the documented and long standing issues with the TM department (specifically its graduate program, the proposal recently submitted to GC to reinstate the currently suspended professional M.S. as a campus only program, and the upcoming change in department leadership), the Council requested an exception to the normal review cycle length. GC recommended a review cycle of no more than five years. The Council concurred with the VPAA's recommendation of an eight-year review cycle for Physics.

Consultation: BSOE Dean

Graduate Council consulted with Baskin School of Engineering Dean Alex Wolf on the state and future of the Technology and Information Management (TIM) graduate programs. BSOE Director of Academic Affairs Kathy Beattie also attended the consultation. The Council prepared pre-consultation questions for discussion during the consultation which included the following areas: the Dean's vision and plan for the department, and how it intersects with the vision and plan as articulated by the TM department; the Dean's assessment of TM's ability to sustainably mount UC quality programs with the current faculty FTE; and the Dean's view of the professional M.S., how it might best serve the needs of students it will likely attract as a campus only program, the professional degree supplemental tuition, and the relationship of the M.S. to the Ph.D.