

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 29, 2016
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

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

Absent: None

Chair's Orientation to Council Business

Chair Smith provided an overview of member responsibilities and procedures for conducting GC business. The Council reviewed and discussed the following documents: member guidelines, confidentiality and recusal policy, consultation procedures, and guest guidelines.

The Council also revisited its guest policy, and agreed to extend a formal invitation to Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies Jim Moore to attend Council meetings as a guest for the 2016-17 year.

Subcommittee and External Review Assignments

The Council reviewed and agreed to member assignments, including subcommittees and external reviews. Chair Smith noted that two additional subcommittees (graduate growth and professional development) will be filled later in the year.

Issues for Council and Subcommittees in 16-17

Members reviewed the GC charge and annual report in preparation for discussion of issues the Council should address this year, including routine business and a proactive agenda.

New Degree Program Proposal Overview

Chair Smith provided an orientation to the new graduate degree program proposal review process, including an overview of state-supported, PDST, and SSGPDP review processes. He noted all three types of new degree program proposals are expected to come to the Council for review this academic year.

Consultation: VPDGS

The Council formally consulted with Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies (VPDGS) Tyrus Miller, who provided an overview of the state of graduate education at UCSC, including data on graduate enrollment growth, Master's Incentive funding, and general overview of recent major initiatives from the Graduate Division.

Members raised several questions on the data presented, including the question of whether programs have sufficient quality in their applicant pools to admit more graduate students. VPDGS Miller noted he is currently working with departments on this question. Members also asked, given the strategy to increase enrollment by adding faculty, how the carrying capacity of faculty is calculated. Other members pointed to the analysis done by the Joint Senate/Administrative Task Force on Graduate Growth. A discussion ensued about how block funding might help more, to which VPDGS responded that the problem is with continuing support, which is 5/6ths of the support of a Ph.D. student. The Council further discussed

sources of student support, and variation, for example on this campus in comparison to others, and across different disciplines within the campus.

Post-Consultation Discussion

Members discussed the role of the Council in working with the Graduate Division in advocating for those initiatives that might be effective in promoting graduate growth. The Council noted its support for the general overview presented by VPDGS Miller on his initiatives (Centers of Excellence, International Doctoral Recruitment Fellowships, and expanded use of Graduate Student Instructors), however, the Council would like to see fleshed out proposals for these initiatives.