

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 4, 2017
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Present: Don Smith (Chair), Ben Crow, Lissa Caldwell, Gerald Casel, Michael Dine, Judith Habicht-Mauche, Athanasios Kottas, Roberto Manduchi, Paul Roth, Fitnat Yildiz, Katharin Peter (Library Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Tyrus Miller (ex officio), Melanie Dickinson (Grad Rep), Gordon Keller (Grad Rep),

Members Items

Chair Smith provided an update on the CCGA meeting of May 3. He reported on topics of discussion, which included Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) programs, possible nonresident enrollment campus and impact on specific campuses, best practices for mentoring graduate students, and proposed changes to LSOE policy (“teaching professor” title).

Chair Smith also provided an update on the Senate Executive Committee meeting of May 2. A faculty member involved with a campus sustainability planning effort has requested feedback from SEC on developing a strategic framework for use of campus natural lands for experiential learning, and specifically seeking feedback on the appropriate deliverable of that effort.

Member Yildiz provided an update on the work of the professional development subcommittee. She noted that the subcommittee has asked divisional deans about professional development efforts in their respective divisions. She also summarized a meeting that she and Chair Smith had with the Graduate Division regarding the Division’s efforts on professional development for graduate students and opportunities to better leverage the various professional development activities occurring within campus academic and administrative divisions. She noted professional development efforts are more visible on other campuses, for example, UCLA has a “core competencies” list. Members briefly discussed how to get traction on professional development efforts on campus.

Proposal to Change Games & Playable Media M.S. (PDST): Revised

The Council reviewed the revised proposal to change the Games and Playable Media M.S. The revised version proposes a change to a five quarter program from the current one year program (the fall proposal reviewed by the Council proposed a two-year program). The Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) proposal was also reviewed by the Council. The program is housed in the Computational Media Department. The Council discussed the proposal, and decided to continue its deliberation at the next meeting.

Proposal to Establish M.S. in Serious Games (PDST) Revised

The Council reviewed the revised proposal to establish an M.S. degree in Serious Games proposed by the Computational Media department. The program is proposed as a Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) program. Members discussed the proposal and will continue review at the next meeting.

Program Statements

The Council reviewed and approved the following program statements: Applied Math and Statistics, METX. The Council is requesting additional information before further considering Economics, Anthropology.