GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 18, 2017
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Present: Don Smith (Chair), Ben Crow, Gerald Casel, Michael Dine, Judith Habicht-Mauche, Athanasios Kottas, Roberto Manduchi, Tyrus Miller (ex officio), Katharin Peter (Library Rep), Melanie Dickinson (Grad Rep), Gordon Keller (Grad Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Lissa Caldwell, Paul Roth, Fitnat Yildiz

Members Items
Chair Smith encouraged members to attend the upcoming Senate meeting (May 19) and COC Social (May 25). Members briefly discussed the EVC FTE authorizations for 2017-18.

VPDGS Miller announced that our campus "Grad Slam" winner took second place at the recent systemwide Grad Slam. He also reported that at the recent Alumni Weekend, five alumni were recognized and this will now become an annual part of Alumni Weekend. Weekend events also included two alumni discussion panels on leadership and career paths, as well as a stargazing evening event organized by UCO.

VPDGS Miller noted that the recent Graduate Research Symposium included seventy presentations.

VPDGS Miller also noted that he is chairing a systemwide task force on electronic theses and dissertations. The systemwide committee on the Library has been advising the task force. The deliverable is working on a proposal for a policy that will go out for consultation during summer and fall.

Library Rep Peter announced the upcoming May 31 Library Symposium on "Charting the Library's Future." She encouraged members to attend. Members asked about discussion of open access. Library Rep Peter noted that there will be some discussion and that there is also "Open Access Week" where there is more coverage of this issue.

VPDGS Graduate Admissions Report
VPDGS Miller presented a graduate admissions report, including applications, admission, and acceptances for the coming year.

VPDGS provided graphics summarizing three year trends in graduate applications (2015-16 through 2017-18 admit years). He noted that the last three years the campus has seen record graduate applications. Last year was a peak year, and if that anomalously strong year is excluded from analysis, then this year looks more like a peak year. He noted some examples of recent trends: Computer Science and MCD Biology peaked last year and are down this year, and there has been a fairly significant drop in Humanities applications. Members noted some anomaly in data for one program, where members noted it appears there is a large number of applicants accepted relative to those that are applying for one specific program, and which also appears to have admitted greater than the number of applicants. VPDGS Miller will follow up on this data.

Overall, VPDGS Miller noted that international numbers have not increased. This may be impacted by the national political context, but he does expect that the International Doctoral Recruitment Fellowship (IDRF) program will exert upward pressure and grow the numbers, although flat this year. He noted that Graduate Division is now seeing success with the Masters Incentive funding program. As far as graduate growth, he noted that when the initiative came in the campus was asked to calculate a certain number that would get

us to 12%. He noted that the campus started at subzero and the growth that has occurred has taken us up to "ground level."

Human Computer Interaction M.S. (PDST) Proposal
The Council conducted first review of the proposal for a new M.S. degree in Human Computer Interaction (HCI) proposed by the Computational Media department. The program is proposed as a Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) program.

The Council noted that the HCI program shares many similarities with the GPM and SG programs also currently being reviewed as part of programs proposed in Silicon Valley. Council noted it is generally supportive of the program and its potential to train professions in the important and rapidly evolving field of human-computer interactions, and noted that there are several faculty across departments, who are well known internationally for their HCI work. The Council also raised a number of issues it recommended the proposers address in a revised proposal before further consideration, including in the following areas: integration and participation from the Psychology department in the proposed curriculum, curriculum planning, rationale for four-quarter structure, space planning. Council also recommended that the department work with the administration in developing a comprehensive plan to facilitate transportation and remote attendance for the Silicon Valley programs, develop plans for mentoring of new faculty, develop a plan prior to launching the program to address program and student integration across two locations, and clarify questions related to the budget. GC members also emphasized the need for and importance of a strategic academic plan for the Silicon Valley campus.

Revised Proposal to Change Games & Playable Media M.S. (PDST), Continued
The Council continued review of 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, with Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST).

Revised Proposal to Establish M.S. in Serious Games (PDST), Continued
The Council continued review of the revised proposal to establish an M.S. degree in Serious Games proposed by the Computational Media department and PDST proposal.

The Council noted it remains highly supportive of the program and its potential to further distinguish the CM department and UCSC. Council was impressed by the substantive revisions that have been made in response to prior review. In particular, members noted that the CP/EVC's commitment of three additional permanent faculty FTE to the CM department in support of its Silicon Valley programs will reduce dependence on staff and lecturers to run the SG program, potentially better integrating program faculty with the CM department on the main campus, and lower PDST to make the program more competitive with comparable programs.

Council also raised issues that should be specifically addressed in a revised proposal, including in the following areas: clarifying that the program has the faculty and lecturer resources to sustainably mount the curriculum, written commitment on the availability of space resources (included needed renovations) to sustainably mount the program, and consistent reporting of enrolments of student FTE in the proposal and PDST forms. The Council also articulated additional recommendations for CM as it prepares to launch the SG program, including, a) that CM should work with administration to assure the appropriate physical and administrative structures are in place to assure the success of this and other programs planned for the Silicon Valley campus; b) CM should work with the administration to develop a comprehensive plan, encompassing all three M.S. programs proposed for the Silicon Valley campus, to facilitate transportation and remote attendance for meetings and seminars, both for faculty and graduate students; and c) that the BSOE and CM Department develop a plan within the first year of the program to assess i) how well the integration of the Silicon Valley faculty with the rest of the department is working, and ii) how well the

Master's and PhD students are being provided and benefiting from curricular and training opportunities at the two campuses.

Mid-Cycle Reports

The Council reviewed mid cycle reports for Literature, Theater Arts, and History of Consciousness departments. The Council then discussed the appropriate length of review cycle for each department, and concurred with Acting VPAA Berger's recommendation of eight years for Literature, six years for Theater Arts, and six years for History of Consciousness.

Program Statements

The Council reviewed and approved the Philosophy program statement.