

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 15, 2018
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Present: Gina Dent (Chair), Lissa Caldwell, Gerald Casel, Weixing Cheng, Carolyn Dean, Judith Habicht-Mauche, Athanasios Kottas, Paul Roth, Alexander Sher, Tyrus Miller (ex officio), Katharin Peter (Library Rep), Amani Liggett (Grad Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Ben Crow

Guest: Jim Moore, Assistant Dean, Graduate Division

Members Items

Member Habicht-Mauche provided a briefing on the February 14, 2018 closure meeting for the History Department's external review.

Chair Dent provided an update on the systemwide Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs meeting of February 7, 2018. She provided an update on the campus graduate degree proposals currently under review.

A member raised a concern that it appears at least one department does not yet have its final TA allocation from the center.

Members discussed two items that will continue their review online—the Strategic Academic Planning request for input, and the IATC's response to the earlier Senate review of proposed intellectual property policies.

Proposal for M.S. in Human Computer Interaction (PDST), Continued

At the end of fall quarter (12/14/17) the Council reviewed a revised proposal to establish an 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. During review, the Council noted ongoing concerns with the proposal, most significantly the lack of formal participation from Psychology. Chair Dent met with CP/EVC Tromp and VPAA Lee on the status of this participation and implications for proposal review. Chair Dent provided a briefing on that meeting and the Council continued its review. After carefully considering the proposal, and feedback provided to the Council by the Senate Committee on Planning and Budget (CPB), the Council agreed that while some issues had been addressed, remaining concerns with respect to the PDST and participation from Psychology were an impediment to approval. The Council agreed to request that the department address remaining concerns in a revised proposal.

2018-19 Divisional Faculty FTE Requests

The Council continued its review of the 2018-19 divisional faculty FTE requests and began review of the CTOE requests received this week.

Consultation: VPDGS

The Council consulted with VPDGS Miller on the process and outcomes of the Dissertation year Fellowships (DYF) and Cota-Robles Fellowships awarded in 2016. The Council raised concerns (GC to VPDGS 11/21/16) during the consultation on the 2015 DYF review process around the consistency of the evaluation and selection process across divisions, and in one case, the thoroughness of review of the DYF.

The Council requested the consultation to provide an update on the changes that had been made in response for the 2016 review process.

VPDGS Miller noted that while there is some variation across divisions, the process itself is fairly representative. The Council and VPDGS Miller agreed that there were parts of the process where GC might be able to provide further input. VPDGS Miller noted he would send a copy of the current DYF call to GC for review, and would provide data on overall yield across the divisions that was previously. On the Cota Robles fellowship process, the Council discussed it would be helpful to clarify the rubric for selection. VPDGS Miller noted he would provide the current rubric and mentoring criteria to GC for review.