

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 1, 2018
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Present: Gina Dent (Chair), Lissa Caldwell, Carolyn Dean, Judith Habicht-Mauche, Athanasios Kottas, Alexander Sher, Tyrus Miller (ex officio), Katharin Peter (Library Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Gerald Casel, Weixin Cheng, Ben Crow, Paul Roth, Amani Liggett (Grad Rep)

Guest: Jim Moore, Assistant Dean, Graduate Division

Members Items

Chair Dent announced the upcoming consultation with the Education Department Chair and Social Sciences Dean.

The Council briefly discussed the Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations, and agreed to an online review of this item.

VPDGS Miller reported the results of the Grad Slam competition. Kimberly Bitterwolf (Ocean Sciences) was the winner and People's Choice winner. Nickolas Knightly (Philosophy) was the runner up. He also announced that Giving Day noted that the Grad Lab yielded the fifth highest number of individual donors and raised \$11.6K.

VPDGS announced two upcoming events, the UCSC Graduate Research Symposium and the Sacramento Graduate Research Advocacy Day.

Member Habicht-Mauche announced that the Archaeological Research Center (ARC) raised \$23K on Giving Day.

Consultation: BSOE Associate Dean of Graduate Affairs

The Council consulted with BSOE Associate Dean of Graduate Affairs Abel Rodriguez on his request, in order to discuss his division's plans for large-scale online master's programs that are self-supporting graduate professional degree programs (SSGPDPs). Associate Dean Rodriguez discussed capstone projects and online course quality. The consultation was intended as a preliminary conversation to provide an overview of possible plans. Graduate Council engaged with the topics and raised questions, but noted that it could not state in advance of a proposal what it would support.

Program Statements

The Council reviewed proposed program statement changes is requesting additional information before further review of Electrical Engineering.

2018-19 Divisional Faculty FTE Requests

The Council continued its review of the divisional faculty FTE requests and CTOE requests.

Centers of Excellence Proposal

With Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies Miller recused, Graduate Council discussed the Centers of Excellence Proposal. The proposal identified two primary goals: 1) to increase the amount of external funding in support of research conducted at UCSC; and 2) to secure external funding in support of graduate students, thereby increasing UCSC graduate student numbers. Graduate Council recognized that these goals

are intertwined, and noted that achieving the first goal does not necessarily mean that the second will be realized. Members raised a number of concerns and questions, including in the following areas: source(s) of funding for the Centers of Excellence, data on existing centers and graduate growth contributions, impacts for faculty across divisions, relationship between COE and the Strategic Academic Plan, Council role in COE. Members noted additional information was needed in order to assess the value of the proposed program.