

**GRADUATE COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
May 3, 2018  
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Gina Dent (Chair), John Bowin, Lissa Caldwell, Sharon Daniel, Athanasios Kottas, Alex Pang, Katharin Peter (Library Rep), Amani Liggett (Grad Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

**Absent:** Carolyn Dean, Judith Habicht-Mauche, Alexander Sher, Tyrus Miller (ex officio)

**Members Items**

Chair Dent provided an update on the May 2, 2018 meeting of the systemwide Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA). She reported that one of our campus proposals (Statistical Science M.S., Ph.D.) was approved by CCGA and will now move forward for review and approval by the President. She also reported that CCGA discussed the UCOLASC “Declaration of Rights and Principles to Transform Scholarly Communication,” a document our graduate students should be aware of.

**Proposal to Establish Environmental Art and Social Practice M.F.A.**

Members reviewed the revised proposal for an M.F.A. in Environmental Art and Social Practice, proposed by the Art Department. The Council last reviewed an earlier version of this proposal in 2016-17. Members also reviewed CPB comments.

The Council expressed its appreciation for the considerable work that went into revision of the proposal. The Council was in support of approval, however, members also raised a set of questions around curriculum and delivery, student/faculty ratio and size of the faculty, space, M.F.A. thesis exhibition support, and TAships that the Council ultimately decided should be clarified before further considering the proposal.

**Program Statements**

The Council reviewed proposed program statement changes and is requesting additional information before further review of Computational Media.

**BSOE Reshaping Proposal**

VPAA Lee transmitted for Senate review the Baskin School of Engineering (BSOE) Reshaping Proposal, consisting of department disestablishment proposals, department establishment proposals, a program discontinuance proposal, administrative home change proposals, and FTE transfer requests. With members Kottas and Pang recused, members began discussion, intended to take place over the next few meetings.

**SAP: Themed Academic Working Groups (TAWGs)**

The committee briefly discussed the 28 Themed Academic Working Group (TAWGs) proposals solicited as part of the campus Strategic Academic Planning (SAP) process. Members briefly discussed feasibility of commenting on the proposals given Council workload. Members will take up this item and make a decision at the next meeting.

**Mid-Cycle Reports**

VPAA Lee transmitted mid-cycle review reports for Microbiology and Environmental Toxicology (METX), Economics, and Anthropology (the latter with members Caldwell and Habicht-Mauche recused). Members reviewed in order to recommend a review cycle for each department’s next external review. The Council recommended an eight-year review cycle for METX and Economics, and a six-year cycle for Anthropology.