

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 31, 2018
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

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

Absent: Amani Liggett (Grad Rep)

Feminist Studies Report

On Council's request (12/1/17 and 12/22/17), the Feminist Studies Department provided a report on the status of the department in addressing issues of climate and graduate student impacts, first raised during the department's external review. With Chair Dent recused, members reviewed the report. Members commended the department for its comprehensive, detailed, and helpful response, and noted that it has acted affirmatively to make significant changes. The Council requested that the department provide a follow-up report on the status of the program addressing continuing issues of concern for Council review at the end of winter quarter 2019.

Members Items

Member Dean provided an update on the closure meeting for the Astronomy and Astrophysics Department (May 18, 2018).

Graduate Council agreed to online review for the Environmental Art and Social Practice M.F.A. proposal's anticipated response to Council questions.

Delegation: Graduate Course Review to CCI

The Graduate Council considered delegating review of graduate courses of instruction (including new courses, changes in existing courses, and course discontinuations) to the Senate Committee on Courses of Instruction (CCI). Members carefully considered the delegation and raised a number of questions for discussion including workload, collaboration and continued communication with CCI, and process and timeline for the proposed delegation. Members did not reach consensus at this first meeting and decided to continue discussion at the next meeting.

Request for Review of Program Statement Templates

Curriculum Management Project Manager Don Moonshine requested Graduate Council review of program statement templates, and questions for GC to consider about the program statement structure. Members reviewed and raised questions about issues that would be important to resolve, including "findability" of programs for students (for example interdepartmental programs), and overall organization (by alphabetical order and degree type if possible). Members in particular noted they would like the capability to "suppress" categories, but it is not yet known if the system will be able to do that. Members agreed that Bachelor's/Master's paths should show up as a separate page with link in department graduate and undergraduate sections.

Overall, Graduate Council agreed that the biggest concern was flexibility. While standardization makes it easier to see when programs do not have sufficient information, members expressed concern that the templates made the statements conform to an overly rigid standard. Members wondered whether and how much flexibility there could be within the pre-existing menus and customized sub-menus. Members also identified a number of categories in the template that should have the ability to be suppressed within broader

categories. Chair Dent will meet with CMP Manager Don Moonshine and Associate Registrar Margie Claxton to communicate the feedback and questions from the Council.

BSOE Reshaping Proposal

Graduate Council continued its review of the Baskin School of Engineering Reshaping proposal, with members Kottas and Pang recused.