

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 5, 2017
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Present: Gina Dent (Chair), Pranav Anand, Lissa Caldwell, Gerald Casel, Weixin Cheng, Ben Crow, Carolyn Dean, Judith Habicht-Mauche, Athanasios Kottas, Alexander Sher, Tyrus Miller (ex officio), Katharin Peter (Library Rep), Amani Liggett (Grad Rep), Joseph Lehnert (Grad Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Gordon Keller (Graduate Rep)

Chair's Orientation to Council Business

Chair Dent provided an overview of member responsibilities and procedures for conducting GC business. The Council reviewed and discussed the following documents: member guidelines, confidentiality and recusal policy, consultation procedures, and guest guidelines.

The Council also revisited its guest policy, and agreed to extend a formal invitation to Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies Jim Moore to attend Council meetings as a guest for the 2017-18 year.

Subcommittee and External Review Assignments

The Council reviewed and agreed to member assignments, including subcommittees and external reviews.

Issues for Council and Subcommittees in 17-18

Members reviewed the GC charge and annual report in preparation for discussion of issues the Council should address this year, including routine business and a proactive agenda. The committee discussed key issues including the faculty FTE review process; Silicon Valley programs; recruitment, retention and success of graduate students; diversity and how it is defined and its impact on faculty, students, teaching, and research. Members raised the possibility, time permitting, of taking on the task of ensuring all departments have graduate student handbooks, which would include Graduate Council developing a standard for what handbooks should include.

New Degree Program Proposal Overview

Members reviewed the materials provided as an orientation to new degree program proposal review, including an overview of state supported, Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST), and Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDP) review processes. No questions were raised, and a more in-depth discussion will follow at a later meeting.

Consultation: VPDGS

The Council formally consulted with Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies (VPDGS) Tyrus Miller, who provided an overview of the state of graduate education at UCSC, including data on graduate enrollment growth and funding trends. VPDGS Miller also discussed additional current issues, including new housing that will be coming online in 2020, on which he is working with VCBAS Sarah Latham to ensure the development is meeting the needs of graduate students.

One member raised that with the data provided by the VPDGS, it might be useful to use that to look at graduate "capacity" in a different way. For example, is it possible to examine if there is potential for graduate growth in programs that have low admit rates, could these have larger pools to draw from? Members noted this might spark out of the box thinking about growth and about how students are funded, particularly in examining divisional differences in how growth can be achieved.

VPDGS Miller also discussed his work with programs on diversity goals, including coaching at departmental levels. In this context, he also discussed the Cota-Robles fellowship program. UCSC, he stated, has the most robust Cota-Robles program in the system. UCSC's program is five years. The program has recently been infused with \$2M of campus funds.