

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 12, 2017
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Present: Gina Dent (Chair), Lissa Caldwell, Gerald Casel, 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: Pranav Anand, Weixin Cheng, Gordon Keller (Graduate Rep)

Guest: Jim Moore, Assistant Dean, Graduate Division

Members Items

One member raised for brief Council discussion concerns about a graduate student's experience with the Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP). Members discussed the need for broader information about deadlines.

Chair Dent attended the first of planned quarterly meetings of the Silicon Valley Governance Group. She reported topics of discussion that include divisional Dean plans and space.

Dual Degree Guidelines/Policy

Members picked up a discussion begun during 2016-17 to clarify procedures for establishment of dual Ph.D. programs. This topic first came to the attention of the Council when the Anthropology department (via VPDGS Miller) sought to clarify procedures in order to establish a dual Ph.D. program with Aarhus University. Members reviewed WASC guidelines and notes from previous discussions between the former Graduate Council Chair, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, and Vice Provost and Dean for Graduate Education. Graduate Council focused on three aspects of the WASC guidelines: a) that no more than 25% of the credits being offered at the graduate level may be double counted or overlap, b) WASC does not approve awarding dual degrees for substantially the same body of work, c) and that the dual degree should exceed the amount of academic work typically required for a single degree. Members discussed key points for development of guidelines for review of graduate dual degree proposals.

External Reviews

Stage 1: Supplemental Questions for External Review Committee (ERC)

Linguistics

The Council discussed the upcoming review of the Linguistics Department, and raised questions in the following areas: department plans for securing adequate funding for their graduate programs, faculty and labs; length of time to qualifying exams for students; size and quality of the graduate applicant pool; strategies for increasing diversity of faculty and graduate students.

Technology and Information Management Report

At the end of spring 2017, Graduate Council concluded a lengthy deliberation on the status of the TIM M.S. program. GC decided it "ultimately could not deny the request to reinstate admission to the M.S. program (without PDST), pending resolution by the department of its capacity and commitment to sustainably meet the graduate curriculum...." Council requested a response from the TM by September 15, 2017 to address this remaining question before GC formally reinstated admissions, and annual reports thereafter from May 15, 2018 to May 15, 2020.

The TM department submitted its response to GC's July 10, 2017 communication, and in a change of its former position, requested postponing the reinstatement of the master's program for one year, in order to

support the Dean's efforts for reshaping of the Baskin School of Engineering. Graduate Council supported the request to postpone reinstatement of admissions to the TIM M.S., and will communicate additional information the TM department will be requested to report on in future reports and any request for reinstatement of admissions.

Academic Programs and Units (APU) Review

The VPAA forwarded proposed revisions to the campus procedural document, "Academic Programs and Units: Policy and Procedures Governing Establishment, Disestablishment and Change" (APU). The changes in this version were prompted by Graduate Council's follow up correspondence (8/3/17) following Senate review that took place at the end of 2015-16 and early 2016-17. The revised document addressed the Council's 8/31/17 request for further revision, and Graduate Council had no further comment.

FTE Transfer Request

The Council reviewed a request for a proposed faculty FTE transfer. GC reviewed the request and deliberated the implications of the transfer in preparation for making its recommendation.