

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 26, 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, 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: Judith Habicht-Mauche

Guest: Jim Moore, Assistant Dean, Graduate Division

Members Items

Chair Dent provided an update on the Senate Executive Committee meeting of October 24. She reported that topics of discussion included the LRDP process.

Pre-Consultation Discussion: CP/EVC

The committee discussed its upcoming consultation (11/30/17) with CP/EVC Tromp on the Council's Graduate Growth Statement (May 2017) and strategic planning.

Education Ph.D. Report

The Council reviewed the fourth (of four) annual reports submitted by the Education Department on the status of the Ph.D. program. The Council discussed the report in context of the department's external review, which took place last year. Members decided to seek consultation with both the Social Sciences Dean and the Education Department Chair to further discuss the progress of the department.

Review of PDST Fee Renewal: Applied Economics and Finance M.S.

Graduate Council reviewed the proposed Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) fee renewal proposal submitted by the Applied Economics and Finance (APEF) M.S. program, along with the VPAA's request for comment on the proposed fee level. The Council also reviewed CPB's comments.

Graduate Council found the proposed fee level increase to be reasonable and well-justified, and voiced support for the proposal. GC also noted a number of additional issues noted by the Council and by CPB, while being clear that it did not wish to introduce any delays to submission of the PDST renewal, including trends in admissions for underrepresented minorities, potential upcoming changes to the program, and process for student feedback on the proposal.

GC Dual Degree Guidelines, Continued

The Council continued its discussion of guidelines for proposed Ph.D. dual degree pathways. GC discussed several issues, including appropriate routing of proposals, GC role, VPAA role, and MOUs.

External Reviews

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

Art

The Council discussed the upcoming review of the Art Department, and raised questions, including around the proposed MFA in Environmental Art and Social Practice and impacts in terms of resource requests, intellectual directions, agreements and links with other departments.

Stage 2: Comments on the ERC Report

Applied Mathematics and Statistics

With member Kottas recused, the Council discussed the documents pertaining to the external review of the AMS Department. Council commended the department for the overall excellent quality of the faculty and research programs, as emphasized in the review. Members also discussed the split planned for the unit, and particularly, impacts on graduate students. Members also discussed the current graduate programs in Statistical Science under review at CCGA and raised questions about progress toward renaming and/or redesign of the Applied Math track of the current program. Members also raised a number of questions for discussion at the closure meeting, including progress on concerns raised about allocation of resources in the external review documents, particularly in the context of the upcoming reshaping project for the School, graduate students and their ability to work across the AM/Stat line, graduate program connections to industry, and racial/ethnic and gender diversity of graduate students within the AM and Stat programs.