

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 31, 2019
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Present: Gina Dent (Chair), Pranav Anand, John Bowin, Lissa Caldwell, Sharon Daniel, Andrew Fisher, Robert Johnson, Alex Pang, Marianne Weems, Lori Kletzer (ex officio), Katharin Peter (Library Rep), Roy Sfadia (Grad Student Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Tracy Larrabee, Dejan Milutinovic

Guest: none.

Members Items

Chair Dent provided an update on the upcoming program statement review process. She noted that while her original intent was to project the SmartCatalog new system, delays with the system did not make that possible.

Strategic Academic Plan (SAP) Implementation Playbook “Rewrite”

Members reviewed the rewrite of the Strategic Academic Plan (SAP) and implementation playbook. The first full draft of the SAP was reviewed by several Senate committees, including GC, over summer 2018. GC also reviewed and responded to SAP documents during the 2017-18 year. Council noted that while there was remedy to previous lack of attention to graduate students in this draft, there were still issues of concern, including lack of doctoral targets. Members noted both broad areas and specific principles and initiative that might accommodate a graduate student focus.

Proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations

Graduate Council reviewed the revised draft proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations. Members raised concerns that this revised version of the proposed policy would require that requests to extend an embargo come from the dissertation advisor (or other appropriate authority overseeing the thesis/dissertation). The Council raised serious concerns about this, and suggested that the request for an extension of an embargo should come from the dissertation author/student, as owner of the copyright. The Council also suggested that there should be a reminder for authors that the expiration of an embargo is coming up, with enough lead time to allow the option to request an extension of the embargo. GC reiterated its recommendation from the first review, that campuses proactively advise students once the new policy is approved. Students may be unaware of their options, which may potentially have significant implications for their work.

Art Department External Review Deferral Request

With Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies Lori Kletzer recused (in her capacity as Acting Dean of the Arts Division), Graduate Council reviewed the request for a deferral for the Art Department’s external review. The review was set for the 2017-18 year, and a deferral would allow the time to secure a lead reviewer and plan a site visit for fall 2019. The Council supported the request for deferral of the external review.

Coastal Science and Policy Designated Emphasis Proposal

The Council reviewed a proposal from faculty in the Coastal Science and Policy (CPS) program proposing a Designated Emphasis for Ph.D. students. The Council requested clarification about the proposed requirements before further review.