

**GRADUATE COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
February 14, 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, Dejan Milutinovic, Alex Pang, Lori Kletzer (ex officio), Katharin Peter (Library Rep), Peng Zhou (Graduate Student Rep)  
Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

**Absent:** Tracy Larrabee, Marianne Weems, Roy Sfadia (Grad Student Rep)

**Guest:** none.

**Members Items**

The Council welcomed new graduate student representative Peng Zhou.

Member Caldwell provided a brief report on the Linguistics external review closure meeting of February 5, 2019.

**Cota-Robles Fellowship Review De-brief**

Graduate Council members serving on the Cota-Robles review subcommittee led a discussion following their review of applications and recommendations on the Cota-Robles fellowship applications. Members raised several issues, including variability in applications by discipline (mentoring plans, financial support offers). Council will discuss the Cota Robles fellowship review again in the fall, as assignments are made for next year's subcommittee.

**TA Allocation Adjustments Draft Proposal (CPB, GC, CEP)**

The Chairs of the Senate committees on Planning and Budget (CPB), Educational Policy (CEP), and Graduate Council (GC) have been working on a historical study of TA allocations and a proposal for regularization. Members reviewed a draft document along with associated background documents. The Council was in support of the draft.

**Program Statements**

The Council reviewed graduate program statements.

**Mid-Cycle Reports: OS, BME, Politics**

VPAA Lee transmitted mid-cycle reports for Ocean Sciences, Biomolecular Engineering, and Politics. Members reviewed in order to recommend a review cycle for each department's next external review. The Council recommended an eight-year cycle for Ocean Sciences and Politics, and a seven-year cycle for Biomolecular Engineering.

**Genomics Institute: ORU Proposal**

Graduate Council reviewed the proposal to establish the Genomics Institute (GI) Organized Research Unit (ORU). The Council found the proposal to have a strong rationale and agreed that the Genomics Institute could contribute to the educational priorities of the campus, including support of graduate student research.

The Council also raised some questions and concerns about the proposal, including around issues of funding. The Council noted that the campus will need to carefully consider the additional net costs. Council also noted it would have liked to see a greater focus on graduate education and training within the vision

section of the proposal. Having raised these questions, the Council nonetheless supported the proposal to establish the Genomics Institute ORU.

**2019-20 Faculty FTE Proposals**

The Council began its review of the 2019-20 divisional faculty FTE requests.