

**GRADUATE COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
February 28, 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), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

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

**Guest:** Jim Moore, Assistant Dean of Graduate Division

**Members Items**

The Council reviewed the request from the Education department to postpone their report on the Ph.D. program due to Council on May 2, 2019. The Council granted an extension to May 23, 2019.

A member raised questions, which were briefly discussed by the Council, about TOEFL waivers and admissions letters timing.

**Proposal to Consolidate and Rename CE, CS, EE Graduate Programs**

VPAA Lee transmitted a proposal to consolidate and rename the Computer Engineering, Computer Science, and Electrical Engineering graduate programs. Because the several different parts of the proposal were interrelated, the division submitted proposed changes in degree requirements for catalog copy along with the proposal. The proposal requested 1) revision to program requirements for the Computer Science (CS) M.S./Ph.D., 2) name change of the current M.S./Ph.D. in CS to Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), 3) Electrical Engineering (EE) M.S./Ph.D. proposed changes, 4) name change of the current EE M.S./Ph.D. to the Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering (ECE) M.S./Ph.D., and 4) suspension of admissions to the Computer Engineering Ph.D. Graduate Council decided it needed additional time to deliberate the proposal. Council will further consider the proposed separation of the different parts of the proposal, given its interrelationships.

**Program Statements**

The Council reviewed and discussed graduate program statements.

**UCSC Astronomy & Astrophysics/Swinburne Ph.D. Dual Degree Proposal**

VPAA Lee transmitted a revised proposal to establish a dual degree pathway/program between the Astronomy and Astrophysics Department at UCSC and Swinburne University of Technology Centre for Astrophysics and Supercomputing. The program would result in selected students receiving a Ph.D. from each institution. The Council reviewed and discussed the proposal, and given the complexity of the issues presented here, decided more time was needed for consideration of the proposal.

**2019-20 Faculty FTE Proposals**

Graduate Council continued its review of the 2019-20 faculty FTE proposals.