

**GRADUATE COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
April 18, 2019  
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Gina Dent (Chair), Pranav Anand, Lissa Caldwell, Sharon Daniel, Andrew Fisher, Robert Johnson, Dejan Milutinovic, Alex Pang, Marianne Weems, Lori Kletzer (ex officio), Katharin Peter (Library Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

**Absent:** John Bowin, Tracy Larrabee, Roy Sfadia (Grad Student Rep)

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

**Consent Agenda**

Consent agenda (MCD Biology M.A. Discontinuance Proposal) approved.

**Members Items**

None.

**Graduate Course Review Delegation to CCI**

Graduate Council agreed to extend its existing delegation of review of graduate courses of instruction (including new courses, changes in existing courses, and course discontinuations) to the Committee on Courses of Instruction (CCI). Graduate Council intends to extend the delegation for the 2019-20 year, with Graduate Council review at the end of 2019-20 to extend the delegation further, or to possibly coordinate with CCI to make the requisite changes to place all course review under CCI with formal recognition in the appropriate committee bylaws.

**Graduate Growth Subcommittee Update**

The Council reviewed a working draft of a white paper prepared by the Graduate Growth Subcommittee intended to build on the May 2017 Graduate Growth Report, focused on the question of financing the support of graduate growth. The Council provided feedback. The document will remain available for member comment. Council discussed submitting the paper for a report at the next Senate meeting (May 17, 2019).

**Five Year Contiguous Bachelor's/Master's Proposal: EEB**

The Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB) department submitted a proposal for a five-year contiguous bachelor's/master's path coordinating the existing baccalaureate majors administered by EEB with the existing EEB M.A. The Council decided to reach out to the department to clarify the contradiction in the proposal. The department proposal indicated the pathway is intended for "UCSC undergraduates in one of the majors of EEB or who are completing an undergraduate degree in a related field and have completed EEB coursework relevant to their proposed research" (page 1 of proposal) and the Acting Dean's letter noted that "This program is intended for students in undergraduate major programs in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology only and does not include majors in Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology."

**Revised Proposal: Coastal Science & Policy Designated Emphasis**

The Council received a revised proposal from faculty in the Coastal Science & Policy program to establish a Designated Emphasis for Ph.D. students. The Council stated that it would have appreciated a direct narrative response to Council's questions about the potential for the proposed requirements to be overly restrictive, including a response to concerns about the impact on the structure of the candidate's dissertation (including methodological constraints). However, the revised proposal language did communicate that the

requirement that DE candidates work with a practitioner on an interdisciplinary chapter is integral to the structure of the proposed DE. Graduate Council thus approved the Designated Emphasis in Coastal Science and Policy, to be made available to Ph.D. students, beginning fall 2019. The Council also noted that, as previously stated, graduate learning outcomes should not be listed in catalog copy.

**Program Statements**

The Council reviewed and discussed graduate program statements.

**External Review Deferral Request**

With Chair Dent recused, Graduate Council reviewed the request for a deferral of one year for the History of Consciousness Department's external review. The department's external review is currently scheduled for 2019-20. The Council did not support the deferral. While sympathetic to the department's position (with only 4.25 faculty FTE and 2 of those faculty on leave), the Council expressed concern that a deferral would not help the department begin to move forward now, nor would it be in the best interests of the graduate students in the department. Moreover, the Council argued that a well-chosen set of external reviewers could be tremendously helpful in envisioning the next stage for the department.

Mindful of the workload involved in an external review (especially given the size of the department), the Council suggested that the department might draw on support of its affiliated faculty in the development of the self-study in order to alleviate some of the burden of preparing for an external review.

**Proposed Revisions: UCSC CAPM 416.220**

Due to time constraints, this item was not reviewed.

**Proposal: Course Sponsoring Agency Status for Graduate Division**

VPDGS requested Graduate Council approval for Graduate Division status as course sponsoring agency, a request that had been informally raised at an earlier Council meeting. Chair Dent updated the Council on SEC's discussion of this issue. With members in support of the proposal, the Council moved to finalize the language of approval online.