

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 2, 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, Lori Kletzer (ex officio), Katharin Peter (Library Rep), Roy Sfadia (Grad Student Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: John Bowin, Tracy Larrabee, Marianne Weems

Guest: None.

Feminist Studies Report

On Council's request, the Feminist Studies Department provided a report on the status of the department in addressing issues of climate and graduate student impacts, first raised during the department's most recent external review. With Chair Dent recused, members reviewed the FMST department response (4/18/19) to the most recent Graduate Council correspondence (dated 6/26/18). The Council decided to seek consultation with the Feminist Studies Department Chair and Humanities Dean, in order to have opportunity for more in-depth discussion. The Council will discuss a set of pre-consultation questions at its next meeting.

Members Items

Chair Dent provided an update on the systemwide Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) meeting of May 1, 2019. She reported that topics of discussion included development of a policy for incarcerated graduate students, admissions and holistic review, as well as the potential affiliation between UCSF and Dignity Hospitals. She also reported that the recent name changes for BSOE programs recently reviewed were approved at CCGA, and Graduate Council will now consider requests for program statement changes.

VPDGS Update on Dissertation Year Fellowship Process

VPDGS Kletzer provided an update on issues that arose during the Dissertation Year Fellowship (DYF) process this year. The Council did not review divisional processes for DYF this year along with its review of the DYF outcomes, as these were not received by the Council in time. Graduate Council decided that it will issue a joint letter (from Graduate Council and the VPDGS) in the fall with additional direction about process for divisional review. This will take place during fall quarter, when outcomes from this year's DYF cycle are also reviewed.

Revised Proposal for a Designated Emphasis in Computational Media

The Council reviewed the revised proposal from faculty in the Computational Media (CM) department for a Designated Emphasis in Computational Media. Graduate Council approved the proposal to establish a Designated Emphasis in Computational Media, for M.F.A. and Ph.D. students, to launch fall 2019. The Council noted it would move to review of catalog copy, and noted that the department would need to clarify some remaining minor issues within the proposed program statement.

DANM Curricular Changes Proposal

The Digital Arts and New Media (DANM) program provided a response to the Council's decision on proposed program statement changes for 2019-20. DANM requested GC re-consideration of their proposed changes. Members began review of the material, and due to complicating issues related to governance structure of the program, will need additional time for review.

Program Statements

The Council reviewed and discussed graduate program statements.

Strategic Academic Plan: “Final Draft” Review

Graduate Council reviewed the “final draft” of the Strategic Academic Plan (SAP). Given the tight deadline for Senate review, Graduate Council was unable to undertake a full review and ranking of the initiatives, as VPAA Lee’s conveyance letter indicated would be most useful. The Council did note the addition of initiatives focused on graduate education, and while expressing that there is still much work to be done to meaningfully engage graduate education issues and goals in the Strategic Academic Plan (SAP), the Council noted with appreciation that this final draft has begun that process.