

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 16, 2020
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:30 p.m.**

Present: Don Smith (Chair), Nameera Akhtar, Banu Bargu, John Bowin, Andrew Fisher, Daniel Friedman, Nobuhiko Kobayashi, Longzhi Lin, Patricia Pinho, Edward Shanken, Quentin Williams (ex officio), Katharin Peter (Library Rep), Elizabeth Goldman (Grad Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: None.

Guest: None.

Consultation: Chancellor and iCP/EVC

Graduate Council invited Chancellor Cindy Larive and iCP/EVC Lori Kletzer to consult on their vision and goals for supporting the UCSC graduate enterprise, in context of previous recent work and reports by Graduate Council and joint Senate-Administrative reports. Council was interested in continuing this work, and sought partnership in the administration to develop a strategic plan to enhance graduate student support, welfare, and success. More specific topics of consultation included administrative plans to address funding and high cost of housing in Santa Cruz; the overall picture of the graduate student support; and support for graduate education relative to other campus needs.

Consultation: GSA Leadership

Graduate Council consulted with Graduate Student Association (GSA) President Yulia Gilichinskaya, Co-VP of Shared Governance Veronica Hamilton, and Co-VP of Shared Governance Sarah Mason, on GSA priorities and issues impacting graduate student welfare and success, including affordable and safe housing, stability in funding packages and planning. The GSA leaders provided GC with an overview of the COLA campaign and labor action and discussed possible ways that Graduate Council, within its purview, could support graduate student needs around COLA.