

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 12, 2020
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Present: Don Smith (Chair), Nameera Akhtar, 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), Daniel Rodriguez Ramirez (Grad Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Banu Bargu

Guest: Jim Moore, Assistant Dean, Graduate Division

Member Items

Chair Smith provided an update on the systemwide CCGA (Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs) meeting of March 4, 2020. He reported that much of the discussion focused on the graduate student strike and graduate education.

Chair Smith provided an update on the working groups related to graduate education that are in process of launching. The Chancellor has charged the Senate-Administration Working Group on Graduate Education. Members from the Senate side are in process of being selected, with candidates identified from GC and CPB. The Cost of Attendance Working Group is being led by CPB Chair Bruce Schumm. The group is still finalizing its approach, but looks like it will have two members from CPB, two members from GC, and Sociology faculty Miriam Greenberg and Steve McKay. In addition, there is also an advisory group to the Chancellor that is being formed related to graduate education.

Members briefly reviewed the March 5, 2020 communication from Chancellor Larive, iCP/EVC Kletzer, CEP Chair Narayan, CCI Chair Hinck, and GC Chair Smith on maintaining educational continuity in the context of COVID-19.

ECE 5-Year Contiguous Bachelor's/Master's Pathway Proposal

With member Kobayashi recused, Council reviewed the Electrical and Computer Engineering department's proposal for a five-year contiguous bachelor's/master's path coordinating existing baccalaureate majors, including in Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, and Robotics Engineering with the existing Electrical and Computer Engineering M.S. Graduate Council raised additional questions to be addressed by the proposers before further consideration of the proposal, including in the following areas: articulation of the benefits of completing the pathway vs completing the MS outside of the pathway, revisions to align language in the proposal with Graduate Council policy on Plan I and Plan II masters, clarification of the requirements of admissions to the pathway and to the master's program, articulation of process in case of discontinuance of the path, in context of student catalog rights.

2020-21 FTE Review

Council began review of the 2020-21 faculty FTE requests.

Program Statement Review

Graduate Council continued review of graduate program statements (Digital Arts and New Media, MCD Biology).