

**GRADUATE COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
November 14, 2019  
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Don Smith (Chair), Nameera Akhtar, Banu Bargu, John Bowin, Daniel Friedman, Nobuhiko Kobayashi, Alex Pang, Patricia Pinho, Danny Scheie, Quentin Williams (ex officio), Katharin Peter (Library Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

**Absent:** Andrew Fisher

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

**Members' Items**

Chair Smith provided an update on the November 6, 2019 meeting of the systemwide Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA). He reported that topics discussed included the possible augmentation of the APM to include mention of teaching and mentoring of graduate students; reorganization at UCOP with respect to where graduate affairs will be housed; and self-supporting programs. Chair Smith also reported that the Santa Cruz Graduate Council's request to slightly amend the new requirement for graduate proposals to include language about diversity was approved, and the new language will be incorporated into the CCGA Handbook.

Library Rep K. Peter reported that the Library is interviewing for a new Scholarly Communication Librarian position which will support professional development of graduate students and other early career researchers. She invited Graduate Council members to attend the candidate presentation on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

VPDGS Williams reported that on November 7, 2019, a group of graduate students walked to Kerr Hall to deliver a letter to him and interim CP/EVC Kletzer related to housing and cost of living adjustments for graduate students, in order to address rent burden and bring UCSC graduate students to parity with UCR graduate students. Members briefly discussed. Council members suggested this should be brought to a future meeting as an agenda item.

Member Bowin raised a question about where he might get a list of mezzanine courses taught on the campus.

Chair Smith encouraged members to attend the Senate meeting this Friday, November 15, 2:30-5pm.

**GC Discussion: Lost Days of Instruction**

Chair Smith provided an update on recent Senate/Administration discussion regarding ongoing campus planning for handling lost days of instruction due to power outages.

**External Reviews**

Stage 2: Comments on ERC Report (Closure Meeting Preparation)

*Computational Media*

The Council discussed the documents pertaining to the external review of the Computational Media Department. The Council noted that the External Review Committee (ERC) report was largely congratulatory of the CM department's accomplishments in developing new academic doctoral and MS programs, an undergraduate major, as well as three new professional MS programs at the Silicon Valley Center campus. The ERC also raised several challenges and key issues specific to the graduate programs

that are of interest to Council, including concern over the challenges CM faculty face in managing the various graduate degree programs (with a third, Human Computer Interaction, launching soon), while also maintaining bandwidth to sustain (or rebuild as the ERC puts it) extramurally funded faculty research, and support the academic MS and PhD programs. Council raised questions related to the academic doctoral program and Ph.D. students as well as related to the Silicon Valley masters programs, to be discussed at the upcoming closure meeting.

#### **Review of Appendix D: Master's Plan I and Plan II Language**

Graduate Council continued its review of the Santa Cruz Division Academic Senate Manual Appendix D, related to the distinction between the Master's Plan I and Plan II requirements. Members reviewed and agreed on changes to the relevant section of Appendix D. Timing of announcement to the campus is pending review of additional sections of Appendix D.

#### **Graduate Dual Degrees**

Graduate Council continued its discussion of principles and process for review of graduate dual degrees (from the 10/17/19 GC meeting). Members reviewed a draft document and made additional changes, which will be provided to VPAA Lee.

#### **Consultation: aVPDGS**

The Council consulted with Acting VPDGS Williams on process and outcomes for the Dissertation Year Fellowship (DYF) and Cota-Robles (CR) Fellowships awarded during the most recent cycle. The Council discussed providing additional direction for the DYF review and selection (for the divisions), as well as potential additional direction about the Cota-Robles application (for departments/programs). The Council had requested data on outcomes of DYF fellowships and Cota Robles fellowships awarded. Council also noted it would be helpful if data were collected and tracked on nominated as well as selected candidates in order to aid longer term assessments of sub-disciplines that may over time show over or under representation, and for the CR fellowships, noticeable differences in yields by discipline. This data was unavailable for the consultation, but aVPDGS Williams noted Graduate Division is starting to track the results. The Council will follow up with additional recommendations to aVPDGS Williams for DYF and CR review in future cycles.