

**GRADUATE COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
December 5, 2019  
307 Kerr Hall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Don Smith (Chair), Nameera Akhtar, John Bowin, Andrew Fisher, Daniel Friedman, Nobuhiko Kobayashi, Alex Pang, Patricia Pinho, Danny Scheie, Katharin Peter (Library Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

**Absent:** Banu Bargu, Quentin Williams (ex officio)

**Guest:** None.

**Members' Items**

Members briefly reviewed account preferences in the Curriculum Approval Tracking (CAT) system in preparation for work to begin winter quarter.

**Pre-Consultation Discussion: Chancellor and iCP/EVC**

Council discussed its upcoming consultation (1/16/20) with Chancellor Cindy Larive and iCP/EVC Lori Kletzer, and developed a set of questions for the pre-consultation memo.

**External Reviews**

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

*Psychology*

The Council discussed the documents pertaining to the external review of the Psychology Department. The Council noted that the External Review Committee recognized the department's accomplishments and strong standing in the discipline, as well as its significant contributions to the undergraduate and graduate teaching missions of the university, as well as challenges specific to graduate programs which stem from the overall under-resourcing of the department. The Council also raised questions related to staff turnover and doctoral student support, to be discussed at the closure meeting.

**Pre-Consultation Discussion: aVPDGS**

Council discussed its upcoming consultation with aVPDGS Williams (1/30/20), on review of the block allocation formula. Members developed a set of questions for the pre-consultation memo.

**Draft Internationalization Goals and Action Plan**

GC reviewed the "Draft Internationalization Goals and Action Plan" transmitted by iVPGE Hughey. The draft plan was developed by the steering committee working with the American Council on Education (ACE) Internationalization Laboratory to develop a strategic plan for UCSC's internationalization. Members noted that there were aspects of the draft plan that were laudable, such as development of an engagement plan for international alumni and alumni working outside the country. However, the Council also critiqued that the stated goals were ambiguous and the associated action plans not readily executable, and could have been prioritized in terms of importance, impact, and required resources needed. Members also provided specific feedback on areas of the draft plan, including housing availability for visiting students and scholars, and support for international graduate students.

**Computational Media Closure Meeting Briefing**

This item was moved to the next agenda.