

Graduate and Research Council (GRC)

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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	AGENDA	<i>Pg.</i>	Time
I.	Chair's Report – <i>Professor Valerie Leppert</i> - DivCo (1/16)		10 min
II.	GRC Representative Report CAPRA (1/24) – <i>Professor Ruth Mostern</i>		5 min
III.	Consent Calendar - Approval of the Agenda - Approval of CRFs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POLI 226 • POLI 228 • POLI 235 • POLI 269 • POLI 290 - Subject to the approval of the CRF Subcommittee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POLI 255 • POLI 260 • QSB/PHYS/MATH/CHEM 270 		
IV.	Hellman Family Faculty Fund Background: The last two years the Hellman Family Faculty Fund has awarded grants that are intended to support the research activities of promising Assistant Professors in their second or third years of their pre-tenure period. GRC was given the task to advise the EVC/Provost regarding the call, recommending the amount of each award, and reviewing faculty proposals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UC Merced-Hellman Foundation Agreement • 2012 Hellman Fellowship Call • Excerpt of DivCo Minutes 		5 min
V.	Request for GRC Review- English and Spanish Undergraduate Majors Background: UGC extended the consultation process and invited GRC to comment on the proposals to establish a B.A. in English and a B.A. in Spanish. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Major Proposal • Spanish Major Proposal Action: Discuss if GRC would like to comment and forward feedback to UGC by January 31.		5 min
VI.	PHYS-CHEM Name Change Proposal Background: The IGP Physics and Chemistry Graduate Group Emphasis submitted a proposal to change the group name to IGP Physics Graduate Group Emphasis. This is a result of Chemistry		10 min

and Chemical Biology (CCB) becoming an approved stand-alone graduate program and the name no longer reflecting the current membership of the graduate group.

- PHYS-CHEM Memo
- [Academic Degree Programs: Approval Process](#)

Action: Discuss the PHYS-CHEM name change proposal.

VII. Campus Research Safety- Professor Jason Hein 10 min

Background: With the growth of the campus and the UCLA lab settlement affecting research safety practices over the foreseeable future, there appears to be a need for research advocacy on the part of the senate, administration, and faculty on this issue.

Action: Discuss GRC role in research safety policy, need for VCR involvement in research safety oversight, and organization/scope of research safety committee(s) on campus.

VIII. Campus Recharge Committee 10 min

Background: High purchase/operating cost instrumentation is often operated on a recharge basis in centralized facilities on campus. Recharge policy/rates are currently under the purview of the campus recharge committee, which is in the process of being reconstituted.

Action: Discuss need for school and faculty representation on campus recharge committee and requirement currently under discussion to require faculty approval of all instrumentation use.

IX. Model for Graduate & Faculty Funding for AY 12-13 – Dean Chris Kello 15 min

Background: A new model is in place this year for disbursement of graduate program funding and GRC's role (if any) in graduate program/student funding distribution needs to be finalized.

- 2012 Faculty Grants Call
- 2012 Graduate Student Summer Fellowships Call
- Graduate Student Email

Action: Determine if GRC Faculty Grants, Summer Fellowships or any other type of funding will be coming to GRC.

X. Executive Session- GRC Voting Members Only 20 min

Upcoming GRC Agenda Items:

- **Political Science CCGA Proposal- UCM Internal Reviewers were identified and comments have been requested by January 10. Revised proposal sent to Graduate Dean for comments.**
Action Requested: Review UCM Internal Reviewer comments and approve Political Science CCGA Proposal.
- **Applied Mathematics CCGA Proposal- GRC preliminary review was completed 1/15. Revisions requested.**
Action Requested: Identify UCM Internal Reviewers for the Applied Mathematics CCGA Proposal.
- **Interdisciplinary Humanities CCGA Proposal- GRC review was completed 12/11. Revisions requested.**
Action Requested: Approve and forward Interdisciplinary Humanities CCGA Proposal to DivCo and Graduate Dean.
- **Graduate Student Issues – GSA report under review by graduate programs and schools, response requested by 12/04**
Action Requested: Discuss how GRC can help address these issues within its own policies and in recommendations to units impacting graduate students.
- **First Year Fellowship Rankings**
Action Requested: Review applications and provide ranking to the Graduate Division by February 26.
- **Continuing Fellowship Rankings**
Action Requested: Review applications and provide ranking to the Graduate Division by April 8.
- **On-line CRF System – under discussion with UGC and German Gavilan**
Action Requested: GRC review and approval of specifications for system and cost estimate request.
- **CCGA Meeting with State Legislators in Sacramento in Feb/March**
Action Requested: Solicit input from committee on discussion points.
- **2013-2015 Catalog**
Action Requested: Review and approve revisions to the Graduate Studies Section.
- **Review Graduate Program Review Policy**
Action Requested: Discuss required revisions and due date
- **Review of Graduate Group Policies and Procedures**
Action Requested: Discuss required revisions and due date.
- **Graduate Regulations**
Action Requested: Discuss if GRC should draft graduate regulations to be included in the UC Merced Regulations.
- **Required Core Facilities**
Background: Office of Research will be requesting input on required Core Facilities
- **Academic Senate Awards**
Action Requested: Review nominations for Distinction in Research, Distinguished Early Career Research, and Distinguished Graduate Teaching/Mentoring Awards.
- **Web Support for Graduate Programs**
Action Requested: Discuss web support and plan for monitoring of content to conform to UC and WASC requirements for graduate program websites.