

Graduate and Research Council (GRC)

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

	AGENDA	<i>Pg.</i>	Time
I.	GRC Representative Report		5 min
	- CAPRA (3/7) – <i>Professor Ruth Mostern</i>		
	- UCORP (3/10)- <i>Professor Mike Cleary</i>		
II.	Chair’s Report – <i>Professor Valerie Leppert</i>		5 min
	- CCGA (3/6)		
	- DivCo (3/8)		
	- Update on Graduate Dean Search		
	- Time Sensitive Upcoming Agenda Items:		
	• UCM Bylaw Revisions, CRE Deadline: March 19		
	• Senate Award Recipients, DivCo Deadline: March 20		
	• CRFs, Registrar Deadline: March 22		
	• 2013-2015 Catalog Edits, Registrar Deadline: March 22		
	Action: Discuss if GRC would like to handle these items via email or by moving the April 2 meeting to March 19.		
III.	Consent Calendar		
	- Approval of the Agenda		
	- Approval of the GRC representative to the Hellman Awards Committee		
IV.	Campus Review Item: Revised MAPP		10 min
	• Revised MAPP		
	Action: Discuss newly revised MAPP and provide comments to DivCo by March 19.		
V.	Social Sciences Revised Bylaws		10 min
	Background: As part of the information requested in advance of Program Review, GRC requested a new set of bylaws for review.		
	• SS Chair Memo		
	• Revised Bylaw (with track changes)		
	Action: Review revisions and respond to Social Sciences.		
VI.	Guest: Sam Traina, Vice Chancellor of Research (2:30-3:00PM)		
	Discussion Items:		
	- Safety Policies		15 min
	o Proposed Systemwide Safety Policies		
	o Research Safety Management at UC Merced		
	- Research Policies		15 min
	o Effects of Sequestration on Research		
	o Recharge Oversight & Practices for Centralized Research Facilities		

VII. Policy Subcommittee- Chair Sayantani Ghosh**A. Graduate Group Policies & Procedures****15 min**

Background: On October 9, GRC was asked to address the issues concerning the overall campus policy on critical examination outcomes. GRC's review is required before the call for annual review of the Graduate Group Policies and Procedures is sent out.

- Draft Memo to Graduate Groups- 2013 Annual Review
- Subcommittee Comments- Critical Examination Outcomes
- Graduate Dean Memo
- Qualifying Examination- Partial Pass and High Pass Language
- 2011 Annual Review Call

Relevant Documents (hyperlink):

- [Application for Advancement to Candidacy/Final Report the Master's Degree](#)
- [Application for Qualifying Examination](#)
- [Report on Final Examination of the Ph.D. Degree](#)
- [Graduate Advisors Handbook](#)

Action: Discuss subcommittee comments and review draft memo for the Graduate Group Policies and Procedures Call.

B. Graduate Program Review Policy**15 min**

Background: As written and approved by GRC on February 29, 2012, the Graduate Program Review Policy and Procedures does not allow much flexibility for the review of tracks within a graduate emphasis area and the role of GRC should also be clarified.

- [Graduate Program Review Policy](#)
- Revised- Graduate Program Review Policy

Action: Discuss subcommittee recommendations and approve for forwarding to UGC.

Upcoming GRC Agenda Items:

- **Applied Mathematics CCGA Proposal- UCM Internal Reviewers were identified and comments have been requested by March 14. Revised proposal sent to Graduate Dean for comments.**
Action Requested: Discuss UCM Internal Reviewer comments.
- **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.
- **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 by March 22.
- **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 by March 20.
- **Graduate Advisors Handbook**
Action Requested: Solicit input from GRC members on required revisions.
- **Coordination of Graduate Student Support Services**
Action Requested: Discuss how the coordination of services available to graduate students can best be leveraged by Graduate Division and Graduate Student Services.
- **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.

Informational:

- **Interdisciplinary Humanities CCGA Proposal- GRC sent approved proposal**
Status Update: Chancellor & Provost/EVC Peterson transmitted proposal to UCOP and CCGA. CCGA has assigned reviewers.
- **Political Science CCGA Proposal- GRC approved proposal**
Status Update: Chancellor & Provost/EVC Peterson transmitted proposal to UCOP and CCGA. CCGA has assigned reviewers.