

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)**Tuesday, January 19, 2016****1:30 – 3:00 pm****KL 362****Documents available at: UCM Box "[GC AY 15-16](#)"****I. Abigail Rider – AVC for Real Estate (1:30 – 1:45)**

A. 2020 Project and Graduate Education

II. Chair's Report – *Michael Dawson*

A. January 6 CCGA meeting updates

III. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of January 19, 2016 meeting agenda

B. Approval of [December 9, 2015 draft meeting minutes](#) Pg. 1-5**IV. GC Consultations – *Michael Dawson***

Registrar will attend February 2 meeting. VC and AVC of Development and Alumni Relations have been invited. Other individuals to be invited: Provost/EVC and graduate group chairs.

Discussion: Is this list of invitees sufficient? Upon GC approval of this list, these meetings will be scheduled.

V. MS Thesis Committee Composition – *Michael Dawson* Pg. 6-12

Following December 9 discussion, discuss the revised proposal appended to this packet and posted on [Box](#).

Action: Accept amendments and/or two-step strategy for implementation.

VI. Concentrations and Designated Emphases

This policy is scheduled for discussion and recommendation at the February 1 Division Council meeting and a recommendation will be sent

to GC by February 8. **Discussion:** Timeline for submission and review of proposals.

VII. Masters Readmission Protocols – *Michael Dawson/Marjorie Zatz* Pg. 13

Item was tabled from the December 9, 2015 meeting. Background document posted on [Box](#).

VIII. Graduate Group Policies & Procedures reviews

EECS and POLI SCI policies and procedures were submitted in fall 2015.

All other groups' policies and procedures are not yet submitted.

Discussion: Timeline for review of graduate group proposals and of revised graduate policies & procedures document.

IX. Course Conventions – *Michael Dawson* Pg. 14-19

Document from the Registrar appended to this packet and posted on [Box](#).

Action: Discuss briefly and prep for Registrar's visit on February 2.

X. Online CRF system for graduate courses

Update on status & strategy

XI. Consultation with VPDGE Zatz

- Recruitment update (applications, Graduate Visitation Weekend)
- Report on major fellowships awarded last spring
- Report on number of students applying for fellowships/grants (incentive awards)
- Report on Dissertation BootCamp (Jan 11-15)
- Interdisciplinary Small Grants competition deadline March 18 [http://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/Interdisciplinary Small Grants](http://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/Interdisciplinary_Small_Grants)

XII. Upcoming business

- Teaching as Scholarship
- Graduate Advisor's Handbook revisions
- Online CRF system for graduate courses
- Guidelines for TA Supervision, complement to Graduate Handbook guidance on choosing grads for TAships

XIII. Other Business

XIV. Executive Session (voting members only)