Graduate and Research Council (GRC)
Wednesday, September 28, 2011, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Room 362 Kolligian Library
Meeting materials available on UCMCROPS at:
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AGENDA

I. **Chair's Report –** *Professor Will Shadish*

II. **Consent Calendar**
    A. Approval of the Agenda
    B. Approval of the September 14 Meeting Minutes

III. **GRC CRF Subcommittee Report**
    Professors Carpin, Innes, Johnson

IV. **Campus Review Item**
    Senate-Administration Committee on Assessment (SACA)- Digital Assessment
    On CROPS: September 28:: SACA2SenateChair_DigitalReport8 30 11.pdf
    Background: In March 2011, SACA created the Digital Assessment Working Group, chaired by Laura Martin. This group was charged with developing recommendations for managing the collection, reporting, and archiving of data from the new course evaluation form. The Working Group reviewed existing course evaluation practices and associated staff workload both at UC Merced and nationwide, and reviewed a 2004 document from Berkeley recommending shifting from a paper-based to an online system.
    ACTION: Review the recommendation and provide feedback to DivCo via Senate Analyst Fatima Paul by **September 30, 2011**

V. **Chemistry and Chemical Biology Proposal**
    GRC has received a CCGA proposal from Chemistry and Chemical Biology to establish their own Graduate Program. The program would like to submit its proposal to CCGA for action this year.
    ACTION: Assign reviewers to report back to GRC.

VI. **Library Subcommittee-**
    Background: Last year GRC requested DivCo approve the creation of a standing Library Committee. DivCo suggested a small subcommittee be constituted of three people with at least one GRC member, as the Bylaws state that Library

business resides with the GRC. Professor Sholeh Quinn has agreed to chair the subcommittee.

ACTION: Discuss population and charge of subcommittee

VII.   Draft Policy for Online Courses

UGC has drafted a policy for online courses. At its meeting on September 14, 2011 GRC members agreed to review the draft policy for discussion.

ACTION: Review draft Policy for approval of online and remote courses and report to UGC

Other Systemwide Correspondence Related to Online Education: **on CROPS**

A. Online Education Pilot Program Project Plan, Memo from Chair Simmons to President
Yudof, Provost Pitts, and Dean Edley (5/27/11)

B. Online Education Pilot Program, Memo from Chair Simmons to President
Yudof (5/6/11)

C. Report of the Senate Special Committee on Remote and Online Instruction and Residency,
Memo from Chair Powell to President Yudof (7/20/10)

D. Endorsement of Online Learning Pilot Project, Memo from Chair Powell to Provost Pitts and Vice Provost Greenstein (5/11/10)

VIII.   Compensation for Graduate Groups Chairs

The EVC has indicated that all Bylaw 55 Unit Chairs will receive compensation this year. In a discussion with the EVC, VCR Traina suggested that because the workload for Graduate Group Chairs is similar to Bylaw 55 Unit Chairs that the two groups should be compensated equally. The EVC seems to agree with this concept.

ACTION: Discuss whether the Graduate Group Chairs should be compensated and if so, should compensation be equivalent to Bylaw 55 Unit Chairs and determine if GRC would like to make a recommendation to DivCo.

IX.   Graduate Group Funding 2011-2012

Background: The EVC made a three year commitment to provide $500k each year for graduate funding including recruitment, NRT, GSR and Summer Fellowships. AY2011-2012 is the third and final year for this funding distribution. GRC has traditionally split the funds in half providing $250k for a Summer Fellowship competition for graduate students (actual allocation was $209k) and $250k for recruitment and NRT/GSR funding. The first year the funds were distributed to nine (9) graduate groups. The $250k was split between the groups based on several factors including size of program, ladder-rank faculty, NRT probability, etc. Last year eleven (11) groups were asked to provide a budget with estimated expenses for the year. After review, two primary themes were identified, funding for recruitment and funding for student support, NRT/GSR.

$250k was split providing $100k for recruitment funding including airfare for interviews, package enhancements, publicity, etc. and $150k for NRT/GSR. $232k was used for the Summer Fellowship Competition and $750 was given with TA Awards. Again the distribution was based on a similar algorithm to the previous year. $51,795 has been carried over for distribution in AY2011-2012.

If GRC wants to provide earmarked funds for recruitment for AY2012-2013, funding should be distributed as soon as possible. Note: funding has typically been distributed in the Spring therefore the programs have held funds for the following recruitment season.

ACTION: Determine how to go about distributing the funds for AY2011-2012.

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Program Review
In the last meeting, GRC discussed developing a program review schedule for graduate groups. The committee agreed to send a memo to all graduate group Chairs requesting input on their review timing as well as CCGA proposal status. Chair Shadish prepared a memo but was asked to postpone sending it. UGC Chair, Gregg Camfield has met with the School Deans and is asking for an optimal program review schedule based on program readiness, maturity and availability of faculty. This year, three out of five undergraduate programs requested extensions due to faculty sabbaticals. Once the undergraduate schedule is revised, GRC can then gather its information from the graduate groups. Please see the graduate group program review status spreadsheet based on information gathered in AY2010-2011.