UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA   ACADEMIC SENATE –MERCED DIVISION

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)
November 13, 2017
3:00 – 4:30 PM
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Graduate Council Duties

I. **Executive Session**   **[30 Min] 3:00 – 3:30**

II. **Chair's Report – *Chair Ghezzehei***   **[5 Min] 3:30 – 3:35**
    A. Academic Governance Cabinet Meeting (11/13)
    B. Academic Planning Workgroup (11/9)
    C. Divisional Council (11/6)

III. **Vice Chair's Report - *Leroy Westerling***   **[5 Min] 3:35 – 3:40**
    A. PROC (11/6)
    B. Budget Work Group (11/3)

IV. **Space Planning Retreat (10/30) Update – *Hrant Hratchian***   **[5 Min] 3:40 – 3:45**

V. **Academic Reorganization Work Group (11/8) Update – *Hrant Hratchian***   **[5 Min] 3:45 – 3:50**

VI. **Consent Calendar**   **[5 Min] 3:50 – 3:55**
    A. Approval of the Agenda
    B. Approval of the Minutes from 10/02 and 9/18
    C. Approval of the revised BEST Graduate Group Policies and Procedures. These revisions have been endorsed by the GC Policy Subcommittee.

VII. **Campus Review Items**   **[10 Min] 3:55 – 4:05**
    A. **Value to Merced Proposal for Faculty Retention** – *Maria* DePrano
    The Provost drafted proposed guidelines pertaining to the retention of UCM faculty. These guidelines attempt to develop best practices for evaluating individual retention cases in a fair and equitable manner. The lead review committees are Diversity and Equity; Committee on Academic Personnel; and Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom.

    Requested Action: GC to submit comments to the Senate Chair by close of business on Friday, November 17, 2017.

VIII. **Effects of Proposed GOP Tax Bill on Graduate Students – *VPDGE Zatz***   **[10 Min] 4:05 – 4:15**

IX. **Consultation with VPDGE Zatz**   **[10 Min] 4:15 – 4:25**
    A. Proposed Handbook changes re: NRST
    B. System updates – SLATE, UC Path and graduate student pay

X.   **Other Business**   **[5 Min] 4:25 – 4:30**

Future Business
- Draft Extension Non-Degree Program Policies
- Draft Procedures for Appointing Graduate Students as IOR for Upper Division Courses
- Revisions to the Graduate Program Review Policy and Procedures