

Graduate and Research Council (GRC)

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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AGENDA		Time
I.	Chair's Report – <i>Professor Valerie Leppert</i>	10 min
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DivCo (1/30) - UCORP (2/11) – Professor Mike Cleary will provide an email report 	
II.	Consent Calendar	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of the Agenda - Approval of the September 25 Meeting Minutes - Approval of the draft memo to Graduate Groups, Annual Review of Graduate Group Policies and Procedures 	
III.	Graduate Student Services: Graduate Writing Instruction- <i>Graduate Dean Kello</i>	10 min
	Background: A Graduate Student Writing Tutor was hired by Graduate Student Services and the extent of consultation with Graduate Division and faculty is unclear. Given the disciplinary nature of writing at the graduate level is such as service a value? The overall coordination between Graduate Division and Graduate Student Services is also a concern.	
IV.	Graduate Program Review Policy	20 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. Senate Analyst revised the policy for consistency with UGC Program Review Policy and experiences of the Undergraduate Program Review Committees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Program Review Policy • Revised- Graduate Program Review Policy Action: Discuss a GRC timeline for review of the Graduate Program Review Policy and approve for forwarding to the GRC Policy Subcommittee.	
V.	Discussion Items: Research Lab Safety and Research Facilities Recharge Policy	15 min
	A. Research Lab Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On January 24, 2013, the campus Human Resources emailed a notification of formal review of proposed systemwide EH&S Polices. Comments due to HR by February 15. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HR Email- Proposed Systemwide EH&S Policies ○ Lab Safety Training Policy ○ Minors in Labs Policy ○ Personal Protective Equipment Policy • Campus Laboratory Safety Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft GRC Memo 	
	B. Research Facilities Recharge Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft GRC Memo 	

VI. Discussion Item: CRF On-line System- SOE Assistant Dean Germán Gavilán 35 min

Invited Guests: UGC Chair Cristián Ricci and Interim Senate Director Fatima Paul

Background: The CRF policy has been revised with input provided by the Registrar, ALO, and School Graduate Curriculum Support staff.

- Revised CRF Policy
- Revised CRF Form
- Revised CRF Workflow
- GRC & UGC Memo- Cost Estimate for On-line CRF System (10/20)
- Gavilán Response to GRC & UGC Memo (11/18)

Action: GRC review and approve of specifications for system and cost estimate request.

Upcoming GRC Agenda Items:

- **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.
- **First Year Fellowship Rankings**
Action Requested: Review applications and provide ranking to the Graduate Division by February 26.
- **Graduate Group Funding AY13-14**
Action Requested: Discuss possible funding models for AY13-14 by February 26.
- **Discussion with Vice Chancellor of Research Sam Traina**
Action Requested: Discuss the Office of Research Committee for Lab Safety and Campus Recharge Committee impact on research funding.
- **Discussion with Provost/EVC Tom Peterson**
Action Requested: Discuss issues affecting graduate groups and students.
- **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.
- **CCGA Meeting with State Legislators in Sacramento in Feb/March**
Action Requested: Solicit input from committee on discussion points.
- **Review Graduate Program Review Policy**
Action Requested: Discuss required revisions and due date
- **Review of Graduate Group Policies and Procedures**
Action Requested: Review revisions made to Policies and Procedures
- **2013-2015 Catalog**
Action Requested: Review and approve revisions to the Graduate Studies Section.
- **Graduate Regulations**
Action Requested: Discuss if GRC should draft graduate regulations to be included in the UC Merced Regulations.
- **Required Core Facilities**
Action Requested: Discuss needs for core facilities and provide input to the Office of Research.
- **Academic Senate Awards**
Action Requested: Review nominations for Distinction in Research, Distinguished Early Career Research, and Distinguished Graduate Teaching/Mentoring Awards by March 20.

Informational:

- **Interdisciplinary Humanities CCGA Proposal- GRC sent approved proposal**
Status Update: Graduate Dean is finalizing final comments before transmitting proposal to Provost/EVC Peterson.
- **Political Science CCGA Proposal- GRC approved proposal**
Status Update: Division Council will discuss proposal and provide comments for forwarding to Graduate Dean.