

**Graduate Council (GC)**  
**Thursday, October 10, 2013**  
**1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

<b>AGENDA</b>		<b>Time</b>
<b>I.</b>	<b>Chair's Report</b> – <i>Professor Valerie Leppert</i>	<b>10 min</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CCGA (10/2)</li> <li>- President Napolitano Visit (10/3)</li> <li>- Strategic Focusing Initiative Town Halls (10/4 &amp; 10/7)</li> <li>- DivCo (10/8)</li> <li>- Reminder: Graduate Division Program Review Team- October 10 (3:45-4:30pm, KL 232)</li> <li>- Update: CRF Online System</li> </ul>	
<b>II.</b>	<b>Consent Calendar</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approval of the Agenda</li> <li>- Approval of the September 12 Meeting Minutes</li> <li>- Approval of the September 26 Meeting Minutes</li> </ul>	
<b>III.</b>	<b>Draft Graduate Council Committee Manual</b>	<b>10 min</b>
	<p>Background: Draft manual aims to provide members with an overview of responsibilities and procedures that assist every member in carrying out the duties of the Graduate Council. The procedures and guidelines seek to improve the institutional memory, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Graduate Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Committee Manual (with member comments)</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Review and discuss the draft committee manual.</p>	
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Graduate Advisors Handbook</b>	<b>10 min</b>
	<p>Background: In May 2, GRC sent a call for annual review of Graduate Group Policies and Procedures. While discussing the timeline for review, members found that language approved in AY2011-2012 had not been incorporated in to the Graduate Advisors Handbook. The Graduate Division recently uploaded the updated 2013-2014 Handbook to their website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">2013-2014 Graduate Advisors Handbook</a> (hyperlinked)</li> <li>• Draft GC Memo to Graduate Division- GAH Review</li> <li>• Grad Dean proposal for coordinating revisions to the GAH</li> <li>• Preliminary list of needed changes</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Review and approve the draft memo for forwarding to the Graduate Division.</p>	
<b>V.</b>	<b>Review of Graduate Group Policies and Procedures</b>	<b>35 min</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memo to Graduate Groups (5.2.13)</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Review revisions and respond to all Graduate Groups.</p>	
	<p><b>1. Applied Mathematics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review #1</li> <li>- Review #2</li> </ul>	

2. **Biological Engineering & Small-scale Technologies- *Pending submission by Grad Group***
3. **Chemistry & Chemical Biology**
  - Review #1
  - Review #2
4. **Cognitive Information Science**
  - Review #1
  - Review #2
5. **Electrical Engineering & Computer Science**
  - Review #1
  - Review #2
6. **Environmental Sciences**
  - Review #1
  - Review #2
7. **Mechanical Engineering**
  - Review #1
  - Review #2
8. **Physics**
  - Review #1
  - Review #2
9. **Psychological Sciences**
  - Review #1
  - Review #2
10. **Quantitative Systems Biology**
  - Review #1
  - Review #2
11. **Social Sciences**
  - Review #1
  - Review #2
12. **World Cultures**
  - Review #1
  - Review #2

**VI. 2013-2014 Graduate Program Review Policy****10 min**

Background: The draft Graduate Program Review Policy was updated based on member comments provided on September 26.

- Draft #2- Graduate Program Review Policy

**Action:** Discuss revisions and endorse updated draft. Second draft will be sent to UGC Chair Sharping and Joint PRC Chair Camfield with a request to schedule a meeting to determine next steps for graduate program review and the integration of the WASC related components.

**VII. Executive Session- *GC Members Only***

**15 min**

Upcoming GC Agenda Items:

- **Physics CCGA Proposal-** GC completed the pre-review on 9/26, Revision requested on 10/7  
*Action Requested:* Review and approve the Physics CCGA Proposal.
- **Review of New CRFs with effective term of Spring 2014**  
*Action Requested:* Review and approve new graduate CRFs by November 7.
- **Graduate Student Issues**  
*Action Requested:* Discuss how GC can help address these issues within its own policies and in recommendations to units impacting graduate students.
- **Self-Supporting Programs (SSPs) and Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) Programs**  
*Action Requested:* In consultation with the Administration, draft guidelines for the review of new and continuing SSPs and PDST Programs.
- **Graduate Regulations**  
*Action Requested:* Discuss if GC should draft graduate regulations to be included in the UC Merced Regulations.
- **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.
- **Review of 2014-2015 First Year & Continuing Student Fellowship Guidelines**  
*Action Requested:* Review fellowship guidelines and forward comments to graduate division.
- **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.