

Graduate Council (GC)
Wednesday, January 22, 2014
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA	Pg.	Time
<p>I. Chair’s Report – Professor Valerie Leppert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCGA (1/8) - Strategic Focusing Initiative Update - Reminder: Vice Provost of Graduate Education/Dean of the Graduate Division Candidate Interviews January 22 and January 30 from 12:00-1:30pm. 		5 min
<p>II. Graduate Dean Kello Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Graduate Student Summer Funding - AY 2014-2015 Graduate Group & Student Funding 		5 min
<p>III. Consent Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of the Agenda - Approval of the December 12 Meeting Minutes - Subject to the approval of the CRF Subcommittee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ES 244/QSB 244 Phylogenetics • ES 245/QSB 245 Biogeography • ES 249/QSB 249 History, Philosophy & Practice of Science 		
<p>IV. Campus Review Item: WASC Five Core Competency Expectation</p> <p>Background: WASC’s recently redesigned the reaccreditation process. Among several new accreditation expectations is that institutions must ensure the development of the following “five core competencies” in all baccalaureate programs: written communication, oral communication, quantitative reasoning, information literacy and critical thinking. UC Merced is in the first set of institutions to meet these expectations for all five competencies. By spring 2017, the time of UC Merced’s Off-Site Review for reaccreditation, WASC expects UC Merced to have assessed four of the five competencies. VPDUE Whitt and ALO Martin have drafted a proposal for meeting this new WASC expectation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALO & VPDUE Memo- WASC Core Competency Expectation <p>Action: Review request and draft comments for forwarding to Senate Chair López-Calvo by January 22.</p>		5 min
<p>V. Systemwide Review Items:</p> <p>A. Proposed revisions to APM 025, APM 670 and Proposed New APM 671 (hyperlinked)</p> <p>Background: The proposed revisions are in response to requests to clarify the purpose, scope, and compliance requirements concerning conflict of commitment policy for general campus faculty and for Health Sciences Compensation Plan faculty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised APM 025, Conflict of Commitment and Outside Activities of Faculty • Revised APM 670, Health Sciences Compensation Plan • New APM 671, Conflict of Commitment and Outside Professional Activities of Health Sciences Compensation Plan Participants 		15 min

Action: Discuss and draft comments for forwarding to the Senate Chair López-Calvo by January 31, 2014.

B. Proposed revisions to the Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition Policy (PDST) and new Presidential Implementation Protocols

Background: Graduate Council has been asked to comment on the proposed revisions to the PDST Policy and recommended policy implementation protocols to President Napolitano. The draft policy is a result of the recommendations by the University PDST Task Force.

- Provost/EVC Dorr Memo- Policy Review Request
- Draft- PDST Policy
- New Presidential Implementation Protocols

Action: Discuss and draft comments for forwarding to the Senate Chair López-Calvo by February 14, 2014.

VI. Graduate “Minor” Request Update 10 min

Background: Graduate Council received a request on the possibility of establishing a graduate minor.

- GC Memo to ALO
- ALO Response

Action: Review response from ALO Martin and determine next steps, if any.

VII. Discussion Items:

A. UCM Medical School (SB 841) 10 min

Background: As introduced on January 7, the bill would appropriate \$1,855,000 each fiscal year, commencing with 2015-16 to expand the San Joaquin Valley PRIME program to admit up to 12 students per year and operate the program with up to 48 students across the four-year curriculum annually. In addition, the bill would provide a one-time appropriation of \$1 million to support a 2-year planning effort to establish a medical school at UCM. The University would then be responsible for submitting a report to the appropriation policy and fiscal committees by March 1, 2016.

- SB 841
- Sac Business Journal Article

VIII. Joint Program Review Committee Charge 5 min

- Revised Program Review Committee Charge

Action: Review and approve the revised PRC Charge.

IX. Executive Session- GC Members Only 30 min

Upcoming GC Agenda Items:

- **CCGA Proposals**
 - **Physics Proposal- sent to UCM Internal Reviewers 1/6**
Action Requested: Review UCM Internal Reviewer comments.
 - **Mechanical Engineering Proposal- GC Revisions requested on 1/21, Revised Proposal due 2/21**
Action Requested: Review revised proposal and send to UCM Internal Reviewers.
 - **Sociology Proposal- GC Revisions requested on 1/21, Revised Proposal due 2/21**
Action Requested: Review revised proposal and send to UCM Internal Reviewers.
 - **Electrical Engineering and Computer Science- GC Revisions requested on 1/21, Revised Proposal due 2/21**
Action Requested: Review revised proposal and send to UCM Internal Reviewers.
 - **Molecular Cell Biology Proposal- GC Preliminary Revisions requested 12/2/13**
 - **Materials Science and Engineering Proposal- expected submission date 3/31/14**

- **Review of Graduate Advisors Handbook- suggested revisions due to GC 1/8**
Action Requested: Discuss needed revisions and approve final revisions by February 19.

- **First Year Fellowships- Graduate Group nominations provided to GC on 2/7**
Action: Review Graduate Group nominations and provide final GC rankings to the Graduate Division by February 28.

- **Continuing Student Fellowships- Graduate Group nominations provided to GC on 3/12**
Action: Review Graduate Group rankings and provide final GC rankings to the Graduate Division by April 4.

- **Guidelines for Graduate Group Policies and Procedures**
Action Requested: Develop a template/guidelines for graduate group policies and procedures.

- **Graduate Student Mentoring Guidelines and Best Practices**
Action Requested: Draft guidelines that establish a set of minim requirements, along with providing some best practices recommendations.

- **Review of Graduate Group Bylaws**
Action Requested: Discuss is GC should establish a two-year review cycle for graduate group bylaws.

- **Graduate Council Committee Manual**
Action Requested: Review and approve the committee manual.

- **Graduate Regulations**
Action Requested: Review the 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.

- **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.

- **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.