

Graduate Council (GC)
Thursday, October 24, 2013
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA	Time
<p>I. Chair's Report – Professor Valerie Leppert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DivCo (10/22) - Program Review Policy Meetings (10/21 & 10/23) - Strategic Focusing Initiative Update - CRF Online System Update 	15 min
<p>II. Consent Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the Agenda • Approval of the draft memo to DivCo regarding 2010 CITRIS Review • Approval of the revised Graduate Council CCGA Pre-Review Criteria Document has been revised to integrate CCGA, GC, UCM and WASC requirements. • Approval of CRFs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOC 200 • SOC 215 • SOC 280 • Approval of the draft policies and procedures revisions request memos to graduate groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Mathematics • Chemistry & Chemical Biology • Environmental Sciences • Physics • Quantitative Systems Biology • Social Sciences 	
<p>III. Senate-Administration Library Working Group- Professor Kathleen Hull</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COR Feedback Request <p>Action: Review and provide comments to the Senate-Administration Library Working Group.</p>	10 min
<p>IV. Systemwide Review Item: Online Cross-Campus Course Pilot Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UGC Chair Opine Request • Online Cross- Campus Course Pilot Project <p>Action: Review and provide comments to DivCo by November 8.</p>	2 min
<p>V. Graduate Advisors Handbook- Graduate Dean Chris Kello</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification on effective GAH version for students Action: Determine if previous versions of the Graduate Advisors Handbook should be made available on the Graduate Division website. - Name Change Request Action: Discuss request and approve name change. 	8 min

- VI. Academic Integrity Task Force & UCM Senate Regulations** **10 min**
- Draft GC Memo to the Academic Integrity Task Force
- Action:** Discussion and approval of the draft memo to the Academic Integrity Task Force.
- VII. Discussion Items:**
- A. Guidelines for Graduate Group Policies and Procedures** **10 min**
- Background: Review and revisions of graduate group policies and procedures has been conducted without a policy that governs what components and information should be included in these documents. UC Davis developed a template for graduate groups that guides the formatting, content and streamlines the Graduate Council review.
- UC Davis Template for Graduate Group Policies & Procedures
- B. Graduate Student Mentoring Guidelines** **10 min**
- Background: The GRC Graduate Program Review Policy (and GC revised version) requires Graduate Groups to provide mentoring guidelines in order to address the programmatic climate of the graduate program (pg. 13). No policy/guidelines exist for UC Merced.
- UC Berkeley Guidelines
 - UC Davis Guidelines
- VIII. Executive Session- GC Members Only** **25 min**

Upcoming GC Agenda Items:

- **CCGA Proposals**
 - **Physics Proposal- GC Revision requested on 10/7, Revised Proposal due 10/31**
Action Requested: Review and approve the Physics CCGA Proposal.
 - **Mechanical Engineering Proposal- expected submission date 10/25**
 - **Sociology Proposal- expected submission date 10/31**
 - **Molecular Cell Biology Proposal- expected submission date 11/1**
 - **Electrical Engineering and Computer Science- expected submission date 11/1**
 - **Materials Science and Engineering Proposal- expected submission date 3/31/14**

- **Systemwide Review Items:**
 - **Online Cross-Campus Course Pilot Project**
Action Requested: Review and provide comments to DivCo by November 8, 2013.
 - **“Final” review of APM 600**
Action Requested: Review and provide comments to DivCo by November 12, 2013.
 - **Proposed revisions to Bylaw 55**
Action Requested: Review and provide comments to DivCo by January 6, 2014.

- **Review of 2014-2015 First Year & Continuing Student Fellowship Guidelines**
Action Requested: Review fellowship guidelines and forward comments to graduate division.

- **Self-Supporting Programs (SSPs) and Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) Programs**
Action Requested: Discuss is GC would like to draft, in consultation with the Administration, guidelines for the review of new and continuing SSPs and PDST Programs.

- **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: Discuss if GC should draft graduate regulations to be included in the UC Merced Regulations.

- **Review of Graduate Advisors Handbook**
Action Requested: Discuss needed revisions.

- **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.