

Graduate and Research Council (GRC)
Wednesday, October 19, 2011, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Room 232 Kolligian Library
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AGENDA

- I. Chair's Report – Professor Will Shadish**
- II. Consent Calendar**
 - A. Approval of the Agenda
 - B. Approval of the October 5 Meeting Minutes
- III. GRC CRF Subcommittee Report**

Professors Carpin, Innes, Johnson
EECS 277: Database System Implementation- New course for Spring 2012- on hold
- IV. Graduate Groups Policies and Procedures**

Discuss reviewed policies as assigned to the committee at the October 5 meeting and approve or make recommendations for revisions.
- V. Graduate Group Funding 2011-2012**

Comments from council members:

 - Should we use measures related to current NRT use? The model for NRT is changing, hopefully making this less of an issue, and these funds are too little to provide any significant NRT support anyway. Grad groups can use this money for NRTs, if they like, I just think we need to keep pushing to deal with NRTs separately.
 - Review wording of the criteria by which GRC will review the proposals. It is not clear whether the criteria list is by order of importance or merely the list of criteria in no particular order.

Action: Review and approve memo to Graduate Groups with new dissemination of funds and Summer Fellowship Call.
- VI. Distribution model for new graduate funding- VCR Sam Traina**
- VII. GRC Policy for approval of online and remote courses**

At its meeting on September 28, GRC opined on the UGC policy for approval of online courses and suggested UGC revise the bullet point reading,

“Have appropriate modes of student/instructor interaction been identified, and are they likely to be successful? This consideration should include the role of teaching assistants, if applicable.” By adding

“Appropriate contact hours will vary based on the course level from lower division through upper division to graduate.”

UGC did not add the suggested language to the policy as they saw the policy as strictly an undergraduate policy and not a campus-wide policy.

Action: It is recommended that GRC create their own online approval policy by adopting the UGC language and customizing it for GRC. Once a GRC policy is approved it will be sent to the Registrar and Schools.

VIII. Campus Review Item:

ShaRCS- Research Computing Report

GRC has been asked to review and provide comments to DivCo on the *Shared Research Computing Services* program (ShaRCS). This program will be discussed at a joint CIO/VCRs meeting in early November (tentatively scheduled for November 6-7); however Provost Pitts would like to discuss it during a conference call prior to the meeting. To guide deliberations, please refer to the set of questions in the attached memo from Provost Pitts.

Action: Review and send comments to Senate Chair Amussen due October 24.

IX. Health Sciences Research Institute

Health Sciences Research Institute (HSRI) has submitted its revised proposal to establish itself as an Organized Research Unit at UC Merced. The revision includes elements of the proposal submitted to the GRC in 2010/2011 and additions that directly address sustainability.

Action: Assign a subcommittee to review and make recommendations to GRC.

X. Participation in Digital Assessment Management Demonstrations

The Digital Assessment Working Group (DAWG) has invited the GRC Chair and or representatives to participate in campus demonstrations for three commercial software solutions to facilitate, integrate and manage assessment on campus.

The vendors will be on campus on November 2, November 7 and November 15. Scheduled times will be set to ensure participation.

Informational Items Available on UCMCROPS

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GRC to DivCo re: Salary Equity Report (10/6)

GRC to DivCo re: Library Subcommittee (10/11)

CAPRA to DivCo re: Chemical and Chemical Biology CCGA Proposal (10/14)

DAWG to GRC re: Digital Assessment Management Demonstrations (10/18)