

Graduate and Research Council (GRC)
Wednesday, November 9, 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**
CCGA (11/1)
GRC meeting November 23, reschedule
Chemistry Proposal returned for revisions
- II. Consent Calendar**
A. Approval of the Agenda
B. Approval of the October 19 Meeting Minutes
- III. GRC CRF Subcommittee Report**
Professors Carpin, Innes, Johnson
- ES 212 Subsurface Hydrology cross listed with ESS 112 Subsurface Hydrology- modification
 - EECS 290 Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Seminar- modification
- IV. Graduate Group Fund Allocation**
The \$500k funding from the EVC/Provost has been transferred to the Graduate Division. The formula to allocate funds included number of current graduate students, last years number of applications per graduate group, number of faculty with at least one advisee and faculty in their first two years at UC Merced. Because of the new funding model for graduate students, NRT was not included in the calculations.
Action: Review and approve fund allocation for each graduate group.
- V. Summer Fellowship Call Feedback Forms**
Background: In the past GRC has been unable to provide feedback to graduate students regarding their Summer Fellowship proposals. With the new approach to reviewing proposals, GRC may wish to request that feedback forms are completed for all proposals.
- VI. Graduate Groups Policies and Procedures**
In the last meeting GRC discussed language in some of the graduate group policies and procedures in reference to pass/no pass/fail (the campus does not allow

conditional passes) and how to handle including graduate student stipends and fees.
Action: Discuss developing an overarching policy or composing a memo with GRC recommendations.

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. Program Review Sequence

UGC has finalized its program review sequence for undergraduate programs. GRC requested feedback from the Graduate Groups regarding the graduate program review calendar due November 18. The groups were asked to:

- 1) review the anticipated year of review based on program establishment
- 2) anticipated CCGA proposal submission, if applicable
- 3) comment on option to coordinate with undergraduate program counterpart

Action: Discuss the schedule.

IX. UGC Program Review Policy Revision

UGC has revised the Program Review Policy; specifically the faculty survey will include a confidential section that will only be shared with the external review committee. Survey results will be summarized to ensure confidentiality and will not include the comments included in the confidential section. However, if the external review committee has concern based on the confidential comments, the committee may discuss the issues with the Administration although not officially included in the written report.

Action: Review changes approved by DivCo and consider adopting a similar procedure.

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