Graduate and Research Council (GRC)
Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 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 (3/6)
  - Graduate Advisor's Handbook revision
  - CCGA proposal for Chemistry and Chemical Biology
- DivCo (3/14)
- Colloquium March 16 at 11:00am- "Future Trends in Graduate Education," featuring Chris Golde, Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education at Stanford University and a panel of UC Merced faculty.
- GRC Meeting, March 28

II.   **Consent Calendar**
A. Approval of the Agenda
B. Approval of the February 1 and February 15 Meeting Minutes

III.   **GRC CRF Subcommittee Report**
Professors Carpin, Innes, Johnson
MEAM 261- Energy Storage, new course

IV.   **Summer Fellowships**
Each graduate group has been assigned a percentage of the Summer Fellowship funding based on the number of graduate students in each group. There are 256 active graduate students on campus. The committee set aside $250k for these awards. There is an additional $51.8k (less $750 for TA awards) held over from last year to equal a total of **$301k** in available funds.
  Action: Review the rankings and determine the cut off lines. Award and Decline letters will be sent to students by March 19.

V.   **Faculty Grants**
$123k is available for distribution. Thirty-five faculty members submitted proposals for the Faculty Research Grants totaling $192,192 in funding requests.
  Action: Review and approve the final rankings for the grant awards.

VI.   **Reviewer Assignments**
A. **Graduate Division Fellowships**

Action: Assign reviewers for the following three Graduate Division fellowships;
Miguel Velez, President's Dissertation Year, Fletcher Jones. Application deadline
was extended. GRC will receive the applicant lists March 19. Rankings will be due to
GRC by noon on March 27 for discussion at the March 28 meeting.

B. Senate Awards

Action: Assign a minimum of three reviewers, one from each School, for the Senate
Awards for Distinguished Early Career Research, Distinction in Research, and the
Distinguished Graduate Teaching/Mentorship Award. Nominees are due to the
Senate Office by March 15. Reviewer rankings are due to the Senate Office by noon
on
April 3.

VII.   Quantitative Systems Biology (QSB) Bylaw Revision
Action: Review revised QSB Bylaws

VIII.   Graduate Advisors Handbook Revision
CCGA and ALO Martin have found nothing controversial with revising the
course requirements for MA/MS degrees in the Graduate Advisor's Handbook
"Plan I (Thesis)
"In addition to the thesis, a minimum of 24 semester units in approved courses is
also required, at least 50% of which must be earned in 200 series graduate-level
courses exclusive of courses numbered from 295-299. A general examination is
also required.

"Plan II (Comprehensive Examination)
"In addition to the comprehensive examination, a minimum of 30 semester units
in approved courses, at least 50% of which must be from graduate-level courses
in the 200 series exclusive of courses numbered from 295-299."
Action: Discuss and approve the proposed revision.

IX.   Graduate Courses taught by Lecturers
Discuss: If GRC feels it is appropriate for a unit-18 lecture or an LPSOE to teach
a graduate level course.

XI.   UC Merced Regulations
The campus Regulations currently specify requirements for undergraduate
studies only.
Action: Discuss including graduate requirements in the Regulations

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GRC to Grad Groups re: Revised review for Summer Fellowships (3/1)
GRC Chair to CCGA Chair re: minor change to Graduate Handbook (3/1)
DivCo to Campus re: Graduate Program Review Policy and Procedures (3/6)
GRC to ALO Martin re: Revision to the Graduate Advisor's Handbook (3/7)
ALO Martin to GRC re: Revision to the Graduate Advisor's Handbook (3/9)
GRC to Committees and Deans re: UCOLASC Request for Comment on Open Access Policy Draft (3/9)