ACADEMIC SENATE - MERCED DIVISION

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)

Thursday, January 18, 2018 9:30 – 11:00 AM KL 397

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I. Executive Session [30 Min] 9:30 – 10:00

II. Chair's Report – Chair Ghezzehei

[5 Min] 10:00 - 10:05

- A. Welcome & Introductions
- B. Academic Governance Cabinet Meeting (1/17)
- C. CCGA Meeting (1/3)
- D. Continuing Fellowship Review: Update
- III. Enrollment Management Council Meeting Update (1/17) Maria DePrano

[5 Min] 10:05 – 10:10

IV. Consent Calendar

[1 Min] 10:10 - 10:11

A. Approval of the agenda (1/18)

V. Systemwide Review Items

A. <u>Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations</u> - *Chair Ghezzehei* [9 Min] 10:11 – 10:20 As a lead committee for this review, Graduate Council has been asked to review and comment on the draft new policy, which extends the principles of the University's existing open access policies to theses and dissertations prepared by the University's graduate students. Specifically, this policy requires theses or dissertations prepared at the University to be (1) deposited into an open access repository, and (2) freely and openly available to the public, subject to a requested delay of access ("embargo") obtained by the student. GC, CoR, and LASC are the lead committees for this review.

Action Requested: The Chair will transmit committee comments to the Senate Chair by January 30, 2018.

[10 Min] 10:20 – 10:30

B. Proposed Revisions to APM Sections: 285, 210-3, 133, 740, 135 and 235 - Hrant Hratchian

Members are asked to review and comment on the second systemwide review of the proposed revised Academic Personnel Manual (APM) sections related to the Lecturer with Security of Employment faculty series. Substantive feedback was submitted during the first systemwide review, thus prompting a second systemwide review. This review is intended to resolve prior concerns and to answer remaining questions. CAP is the lead committee for this review.

Action Requested: The Chair will transmit committee comments to the Senate Chair by January 30, 2018.

VI. Campus Review Item

A. Proposed Revisions to Division Regulations II.4 - HONORS - Fred Wolf [5 Min] 10:30 - 10:35

Members are asked to review and comment on the proposed revisions to the Division's Regulations (<u>Part II</u>, <u>Section 4</u>) establishing standards for awarding High and Highest Honors in the major. The revisions were requested by Divisional Council, and were approved by the Committee on Rules and Elections at its October 11, 2017 meeting. At its December 11, 2017 meeting, Divisional Council endorsed them for campus review.

Action Requested: The Chair will transmit committee comments to the Senate Chair by February 13, 2018.

VII. Revisit Graduate Council Goals for AY 2017-18

[10 Min] 10:35 – 10:45

Goals identified in Fall 2017:

- 1. Identify and communicate to the administration budget needs for both interdisciplinary and "vertically aligned" graduate groups. Intersecting topics and initiatives include revisions to indirect cost return policy, TAship planning to be undertaken by Dean Zatz this year, and the work of the school reorganization and budget policy work groups.
- 2. Dean Zatz identified three goals for this year: (1) Submit for Graduate Council's review an updated Graduate Students Rights and Responsibilities document; (2) Bring forward a proposal to establish the Graduate Student Assistant Research (GSAR) position on campus; (3) Develop a proposal to formally integrate consideration of faculty contributions to graduate mentoring in the faculty tenure and promotion process. Members cautioned such a proposal must take into consideration the diversity of faculty opportunities to mentor graduate students. A suggestion was made that this effort might be integrated into VPF's initiatives to strengthen the academic personnel review process.
- 3. Discuss ways to ensure funding is available to DACA graduate students.

Requested Action: Members are asked to discuss 1.) GC's progress towards attaining goals and 2.) if any new goals should be included.

VIII. CRF Subcommittee – Chair Ghezzehei

[5 Min] 10:45 – 10:50

Members are asked to identify two Graduate Council members to serve on the CRF Subcommittee. Subcommittee must consist of three members; Chair Ghezzehei is currently the only member.

Requested Action: Identify two members to serve on CRF Subcommittee.

IX. Consultation with VPDGE

[10 Min] 10:50 - 11:00

- A. Updates:
 - Admissions
 - Winter Dissertation Boot Camp
 - GradSlams on the Road
- B. UC Path and GROW dates (not quite final yet but looks like we will be able to begin GROW on first day graduate students have insurance)
- C. Beginning implementation of new admissions system
- D. MIST PDST will be reviewed by UC Regents Jan 24
- E. Summer Bridge planning
- F. Mentorship/Creating & Maintaining Healthy Research Teams (introduce topic for future discussion)

Upcoming Business

- Recruitment Fellowship Review
- Systemwide Review Item: Proposed Amendment to Senate Bylaw 128, Conflicts of Interest 2/26

Informational Items

 Holley Moyes, Acting Dean of SSHA, memos (12/11 & 10/23) - In response to GC's request for information regarding that SSHA Graduate Student Funding Delays