

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Pursuant to call, Graduate Council met at 9:30 A.M. in Room 397 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Teamrat Ghezzehei presiding.

Present: Teamrat Ghezzehei, Leroy Westerling, Maria DePrano, Hrant Hratchian, Fred Wolf, Liang Shi, Kyle Dodson, and Marjorie Zatz.

I. Executive Session

An executive session, including voting members only, was held from 9:30 to 10:10a.m.

II. Chair's Report – Chair *Ghezzehei*

Chair Ghezzehei reported on the January 3, 2018 CCGA meeting at which increased CCGA oversight of self-supporting graduate programs was a significant topic of discussion. He also provided a status update regarding the Continuing Fellowship Review. Graduate Council recruited a total of sixteen faculty reviewers and the review is underway.

III. Vice Chair's Report – Vice Chair Westerling

The Budget Working Group met on January 9, 2018 and the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8.

IV. Enrollment Management Council Meeting Update (1/17)

As provided by Maria DePrano, the Enrollment Management Council met on January 17, 2018. Members are currently in the process of writing and reviewing reports that will eventually comprise the substance of an enrollment management plan. The Committee is finding it challenging to complete its work given the issues still under discussion by campus working groups that affect enrollment planning.

V. Consent Calendar

The agenda of the January 18, 2018 GC committee meeting was unanimously approved as presented.

VI. Systemwide Review Items**A. Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations**

Members discussed the *Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations* and noted the following:

1. The two-year embargo should be extended to allow students additional time to publish their work as dissertations can take up to several years to rewrite and publish as a book.
2. The language surrounding the graduate student's ability to request an embargo-extension is threatening and may deter students from submitting a request.
3. Members support the statement, "This policy does not affect copyright ownership of any thesis or dissertation; such ownership remains with the graduate student absent unusual circumstances", but do not think the university should be in a position to dictate the terms of the copyright.

4. The ease of obtaining the thesis or dissertation information through online open access puts information at risk of plagiarism.
5. Exclusivity cannot be guaranteed after a graduate student has entered the professional world.

Member noted that open access provides confirmation that a dissertation was completed and insight into the dissertation content thereby eliminating the possibility of research misconduct.

One member proposed that a permanent embargo be granted if the student can demonstrate, within a specific period of time, that they are actively publishing it. In support of this revision, a member noted that there was a paper published¹ that stated 14% of surveyed University Presses would not accept book manuscripts, which are revisions derived from open access dissertation. Another ~27% would accept only if the manuscripts substantially different from the open-access versions (Fig 3). Similarly, ~3% journal publishers would not accept manuscripts, which are revisions derived from open access dissertation. Another ~9% would accept only if the manuscripts substantially different from the open-access versions (Fig 2).

Members recommend extending the embargo period for up to six years; include a provision that students have the ability to opt out of the open access option should they so choose; and revise the embargo-extension language so as to reduce the possibility of intimidation.

ACTION: The Chair will draft a response for committee review prior to transmittal to the Senate Chair by January 30, 2018.

B. [Proposed Revisions to APM Sections: 285, 210-3, 133, 740, 135 and 235](#)

Members unanimously endorsed the proposed revisions to the Academic Personnel Manual (APM) sections related to the Lecturer with Security of Employment faculty series. In particular, members supported the working title noting that it would be immediately recognizable to students and colleagues in and outside of the University of California system.

ACTION: The Chair will transmit Graduate Council's endorsement to the Senate Chair by January 30, 2018.

VII. **Campus Review Item**

A. [Proposed Revisions to Division Regulations II.4 - HONORS](#)

Members declined to comment on the proposed revisions to division regulations as related to Honors, noting the proposed revisions do not directly impact graduate education.

ACTION: The Chair will transmit the committee's response to the Senate Chair by February 13, 2018.

VIII. **Revisit Graduate Council Goals for AY 2017-18**

Members discussed progress toward the committee's goals as outlined in fall 2017. Members confirmed the three goals continue to represent GC priorities, and discussed the possibility of adding new goals.

¹ RAMIREZ, Marisa L. et al. Do Open Access Electronic Theses and Dissertations Diminish Publishing Opportunities in the Social Sciences and Humanities? Findings from a 2011 Survey of Academic Publishers. *College & Research Libraries*, [S.l.], v. 74, n. 4, p. 368-380, July 2013.

- Goal one is ongoing. The Chair recommends setting up a meeting between the three working groups to discuss further details.
- Goal two is ongoing.
- Goal three is ongoing. The VPDGE and Graduate Deans have been talking to President Napolitano regarding AP540 students in that these students count as California residents and therefore are required to pay instate tuition only. In looking at protection for the instate students, UC General Council is researching whether or not UCM can use tuition based fellowship money for DACA students. The VPDGE is also looking into private funding.

There are no new goal additions.

The VPDGE is working to determine ways of strengthening the student-faculty mentor / mentee relationship. The GC Chair has requested the VPDGE provide a summarization of the nature of the problems so Graduate Council can have a more thorough understanding of the issues.

Additionally, the Chair recommended highlighting mentorship when the Call for Senate Awards is distributed.

ACTION: The Chair will request from the VPDGE a formal summary of the issues regarding faculty-student mentor / mentee relationships.

IX. CRF Subcommittee

GC members Kyle Dodson and Liang Shi volunteered to serve on the CRF Subcommittee, thereby restoring the committee's membership to three, including Chair Ghezzehei.

X. Consultation with VPDGE

The VPDGE reported the following:

- Admissions over the last few years have been running 15-17% higher than the prior year. In comparison, there were 700 applicants this day last year whereas there are 703 applications today. Graduate Division is anticipating additional applications but it is too early to predict the final number of applicants.
- The Winter Dissertation Boot Camp has been well-received and students are being turned away due to full admittance. Students in the process of writing their dissertations are not turned away.
- *GradSLAM! on the Road* has been producing great visibility. Graduate Division is in the process of arranging the next event at Lawrence Livermore Labs. There is an upcoming event at University Friends Circle in April.
- Graduate Division is able to initiate GROW on the first day of the start as the semester; same day graduate student insurance takes effect. Graduate Division is working on an MOU with UC Path regarding the expectation and mechanics, so, going forward, Graduate Division can have GROW start on the same day the insurance takes effect.
- The VPDGE is in the process of trying to obtain funding for the Summer Bridge. One donor has already committed to funding five fellowships for one year. The VPDGE will request funding from the Chancellor.

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- UC Merced leadership will present the MIST PDST to the Board of Regents for approval. Chancellor Leland, Provost Peterson, and Paul Maglio will present, and Interim VCPB Mendez and VPDGE Zatz will attend to answer questions. This will go before the Subcommittee on January 24 and the full Board of Regents on January 25.
- The VPDGE continues to focus on how to build the healthiest research teams in terms of the mentor / mentee relationships.