

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)

Thursday, October 18, 2018

9:-00 – 10:30 AM

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| I. Executive Session | [0 min] 9:00 |
| II. Chair's Report – <i>Chair Westerling</i> | [5 min] 9:00 – 9:05 |
| A. Divisional Council (10/9) | |
| III. PROC Liaison's Report – <i>Maria DePrano</i> | [5 min] 9:05 – 9:10 |
| A. PROC Meeting (10/3) | |
| IV. Consent Calendar | [5 min] 9:10 – 9:15 |
| A. The agenda (10/18) | |
| B. Minutes (10/2) | |
| C. CRFs | |
| i. Proposals to discontinue the following courses, approved by the CRF subcommittee on 10/5/2018: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESS 202: Chemistry and Mineralogy of Soils • QSB 215: Principles of Biological Technologies • QSB 220: Cellular Microbiology | |
| ii. Proposals for two new courses, approved by the CRF subcommittee on 10/11/2018: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COGS 278: The Cognitive Science of the Emotions • COGS 279: The Cognitive Science of Religion | |
| D. Petitions to appoint graduate students as IOR for upper division courses in spring 2019; as per policy, these petitions have been reviewed by Chair Westerling. | |
| i. Lucas Lopez, Psychology 130 | |
| ii. Anabel Castillo, Psychology 181 | |
| iii. Stephanie Nail, reappointment to teach POLI 153/MGMT 153/ECON 153/COGS 170 Judgment and Decision Making | |
| iv. Ashley Metzger, reappointment to teach SOC 132 Sociology of Education | |
| E. Petition to appoint Alberto Aguilera, a non-Senate faculty member, to instruct PH 290: Biostatistics I. As per policy, this has been reviewed by Chair Westerling. | |
| V. Instructional Budget Presentation | 30 min [9:15 – 9:45] |
| The individuals supporting the Academic Budget Planning Process, Kurt Schnier, Academic Senate Chair, Jenna Allen, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, and Romi Kaur, Executive Director of Finance, will present on the new instructional budget model. Discussion will focus on the impact of the budget model on graduate resources (e.g. teaching assistantships) and curriculum. | |

VI. Systemwide Review Items

[20 min] 9:45 – 10:05

A. [Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment](#) – *Rose Scott*

Members are asked to review and comment on the proposed revised [Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment](#) (change tracked copy [here](#)). As per the [accompanying cover letter](#), the revisions address comments received in response to a Management Review of the policy earlier this year, as well as changes required by the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights in its February 2018 resolution agreement with UC Berkeley and recommended by the California State Auditor in its June 2018 report on UC’s response to SVSH complaints. The lead committees for this review are GC, P&T, and FWAf.

Action Requested: The Chair will transmit GC’s comments to the Senate Chair by November 20, 2018.

B. [Presidential Policy BFB-RMP-7 Protection of Administrative Records Containing Personally Identifiable Information](#) - *Fred Wolf*

Members are asked to review and comment on the proposed revisions to [Presidential Policy BFB-RMP-7 Protection of Administrative Records Containing Personally Identifiable Information](#) (change tracked copy [here](#)). [The cover letter](#) provides context and background. The revised policy addresses the following key issues:

- Combines and updates BFB-RMP-7, Privacy of and Access to Information Responsibilities; BFB-RMP-11, Student Applicant Records; and BFB-RMP-12, Guidelines for Assuring Privacy of Personal Information in Mailing Lists and Telephone Directories
- Incorporates the UC Statement of Privacy Principles and Values
- Clarifies the roles of Privacy Officials, Records Management Coordinators and Information Practices Coordinators

The lead committees for this review are GC, D&E, FWAf, and UGC.

Action Requested: The Chair will transmit GC’s comments to the Senate Chair by November 20, 2018.

VII. [Unit Requirements Masters Degrees](#) – *Chair Westerling*

[10 min] 10:05 – 10:15

Per the September 18, 2018 action item, [Chair Westerling solicited feedback](#) from the Graduate Group Chairs regarding the unit disparity between the two types of master’s degrees as [outlined in the UCM Division Regulations](#): Plan I (thesis, 24 units) and II (comprehensive exam, 30 units) of the Master’s Degree Requirements. [Following email discussion](#), responding graduate group chairs supported the following proposal: Bring the minimum number of units for Plan II down to 24 so that 1) coursework can be finished in one-year and 2) the number of units is divisible by 12 (the number of units considered full-time for a graduate student). Seven of the 15 [graduate group chairs](#) participated in the email conversation. The total number of units required at other UC campuses is provided [here](#).

Action Requested: 1) Discuss the proposal to reduce the units from 30 to 24 for Plan II; 2) Determine next steps.

VIII. Consultation with VPDGE

[10 min] 9:55 – 10:05

A. Updates

IX. New Business?