

**GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)**

Thursday, November 8, 2018

9:00 – 10:30 AM

SSM 317

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- I. **Executive Session** [0 min] 9:00
- II. **Chair's Report – *Chair Westerling*** [5 min] 9:00 – 9:05
- A. CCGA (11/7)
- B. [Divisional Council](#) (11/6)
- III. **PROC Liaison's Report – *Maria DePrano*** [5 min] 9:05 – 9:10
- A. [PROC Meeting](#) (10/31)
- IV. **Consent Calendar** [5 min] 9:10 – 9:15
- A. The agenda (10/18)
- B. CRFs approved by the GC Subcommittee on 11/5:
- [PH 211](#): Introduction to Statistical Methods in Public Health
  - [PH 212](#): Advanced Statistical Methods in Public Health
- V. **Graduate Funding Models – *VPDGE Zatz*** [30 mi] 9:15 – 9:45
- A. Overview of two potential funding models ([see attachment](#))
- B. Discuss both models (pros and cons) -noting other campuses tend to provide a higher per student funding level and generally to cover NRST, at least in first year
- C. Discuss revisions we might want to make to them
- a. NRST coverage
  - b. Incentivize/reinforce grant GSRs and fellowships
  - c. Incentivize timely degree completion
  - d. Incentivize modest increase in paying master's degree students
  - e. Include grad group dissertation fellowships in models or keep separate?
- D. Eugene Cote Roble – discuss potentially altering support from years 1 and 2 to years 1 and 4
- E. Next steps – NRST
- VI. **Systemwide Review Items** [10 Min] 9:45 – 9:55
- A. [Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-46 \(Use of Vehicles and Driver Selection Policy\)](#) – *Teamrat Ghezzehei*  
Members are asked to discuss proposed revisions to BFB-BUS-46 policy, which aim to increase accountability for vehicular usage, to improve safety, reduce vehicular accidents, and create cost savings to the University. Key revisions to the policy include:
- The inclusion of the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Negligent Operator Treatment
  - System (NOTS) as a standard for eligibility to drive on behalf of the University.
  - Implementation will apply to all drivers on University business – not solely employees.
  - Establishment of Vehicle Collision Review Committees to review collisions, determine preventability, and promote driver safety awareness.

- Establishment of guidelines for drivers involved in preventable collisions including training suspension, and potential revocation of driving privileges.

The policy applies to the use of any UC vehicle (owned or leased) and any personal vehicles used in the course of University business. GC is a lead committee for this review.

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

**VII. Campus Review Items**

**10 Min [9:55 – 10:05]**

**A. [Proposed Principles to Guide the Conduct of Executive Session](#) – Chair Westerling**

Members are asked to discuss the proposed [Principles to Guide the Conduct of Executive Session](#). The principles and associated practices are intended to establish for committee members, consultants, guests, and the broader campus community, a set of expectations for how executive sessions are conducted in the Senate, and to promote consistency in the implementation of executive sessions across Senate committees. Should the principles be endorsed by the Senate, they will be posted to the Senate website in partnership with the [Guide to Committee Membership](#), which includes an overview of the purpose of executive session.

**Action Requested:** The Chair will transmit GC's comments to the Senate Chair by December 4, 2018.

**VIII. Online Non-Degree Programs – Chair Westerling**

**15 Min [10:05 – 10:20]**

University Extension is planning to develop a distance education version of its [Teacher Preparation Program](#) approved by Graduate Council and [the Senate](#) in spring 2018. Members are asked to discuss whether developing an online/distance education version of an existing program should be considered a new program, and thus require a proposal. The policies governing the preparation of a new program proposal and separately its approval are available on the Senate website under [University Extension Non-Degree Programs](#).

**Action Requested:** Convey Graduate Council's recommendations to the Senate Chair.

**IX. New Business?**