I. Welcome and Introductions – **Chair Westerling**  
10 Min

II. Consent Calendar  
A. The agenda (8/28)  
B. **Graduate Council Calendar for Academic Programs and Courses**

III. Conducting Committee Business – **Chair Westerling**  
10 Min  
Members will review and discuss the following aspects of conducting committee business.  
- Guide to Committee Membership and Principles to Guide the Conduct of Executive Session  
- Confidentiality  
- Meeting Schedule  
- Executive Session  
- Managing Work  
- **Committee Duties**  
- **GC Conflict of Interest Policy**

**Requested Action:** Members endorse Conflict of Interest Policy.

IV. Informational Item: Anticipated Business for AY 2019-20 – **Chair Westerling**  
10 Min  
Members will review anticipated business for the year.  
- CCGA proposal review (1)  
- Develop, revise and/or finalize the following policies  
  - Course Request Policy – Per GC’s 2019 recommendation a workgroup with UGC will be established  
  - Procedures for proposing new graduate groups and degrees  
  - Policy for establishing concentrations and designated emphases  
  - Policy for Non-Academic Senate Faculty Eligibility to Teach Graduate Courses  
- Develop policy page for Cat Courses and establish procedure for annual review  
- Review CRFs, Graduate Group Bylaws, and Policies and Procedures  
- Recommend revisions to the fellowship award processes  
- HR support for faculty with respect to staffing and in light of R1 goals  
- System and campus review items
V. Graduate Council Goals for AY 2019-20 – Chair Westerling 10 Min

**Requested Actions:** Members identify committee goals for the year and determine if there are administrators to invite to Graduate Council meetings.

- Establish communication lines between graduate group chairs and Graduate Council
- Streamline information and processes
- Other?

VI. Establish Subcommittees and Other Appointments – Chair Westerling 15 Min

**Requested Actions:** Identify members or representatives to the following committees.

1. Policy Subcommittee (3 members) – Chair Westerling, Vice Chair Hratchian, and one other
2. CRF Subcommittee (chair and 2 members; ideally one individual from each school) – need three
3. Representatives to the CRF policy and process work group (2) – Chair Westerling, and one other
4. Work group to recommend revisions to fellowship award processes (minimum 3, ideally one from each school) – Vice Chair Hratchian, and two others
5. Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications (1 representative) – need one
6. Undocumented Students Work Group (1 representative) – need one

Maria DePrano is the committee’s representatives Periodic Review Oversight Committee (PROC).

VII. Graduate Students Rights and Responsibilities Document – VPDGE Zatz 10 Min

**Members discuss the proposed Graduate Students Rights and Responsibilities document.**

**Action Requested:** Endorse Graduate Students Rights and Responsibilities document.

VIII. Graduate Policies and Procedures Handbook 10 Min

**Members discuss differences in the requirements for Satisfactory Progress and funding eligibility outlined in the Graduate Policies and Procedures Handbook.** Specifically, to be eligible for funding, continuing students must meet the Satisfactory Progress criterion and have a minimum letter grade of B or S in all courses completed (Handbook p. 21 and p. 27). However, Satisfactory Progress (p. 41-42) requires only that students maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. The recommendation is the Satisfactory Progress criterion suffice for both the academic standing and funding eligibility.

**Action Requested:** Determine next steps.

IX. Non-Senate Representation on GC 10 Min

A. Unit-18 Lecturing Faculty

**Members discuss the request to consider whether adding a Unit-18 lecturing faculty representative to GC would be valuable to the committee’s execution of its duties as outlined in Senate bylaw.** Principles to guide Unit 18 involvement on a committee are included in the request.

**Action Requested:** Determine next steps.
B. **LAUC-M Representative**
   Members discuss *the request* to evaluate the merits of adding to Graduate Council, as a guest or consultant, a representative of the Librarians Association of the University of California – Merced (LAUC-M).

**Action Requested:** Determine next steps.

X. **Consultation with VPDGE**
A. Update on anticipated enrollments
B. New Central Valley Fellowship
C. Seeking permanent allocation of funding from UCOP for Eugene Cota-Robles, Faculty Mentor, and President’s Dissertation Fellowships
D. Academic Counselor and Data Analyst hires ongoing, Fellowship Coordinator next
E. Faculty Tools for Graduate Student Recruitment & Recruitment kickoff breakfast
F. Cohort tuition discussions and graduate students

XI. **Executive Session**

XII. **New Business?**