UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA   **ACADEMIC SENATE –MERCED DIVISION**

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GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)
Wednesday, September 11, 2019
1:30 – 3:00 PM
KL 362
Zoom URL: https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/2092287954
Zoom Phone: 1 669 900 6833, Meeting ID: 209 228 7954
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Graduate Council Duties

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I.	**Executive Session**	**0 Min**

II.	**Chair Report – *Chair Westerling***	**5 Min**
	A. Divisional Council meeting (9/4)	

III.	**Consent Calendar**	
	A. The agenda (9/11)	

IV.	**Campus Review Items**	**10 Min**

    A. LASC Bylaw Revisions - *Shawn Newsam*
Members discuss the proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw II.IV.4.A addressing the membership of the Committee for Scholarly and Library Communication (LASC). This is the second campus review of proposed revisions to LASC bylaw. The revisions increase the faculty membership of the committee to five from four, and change the composition of the committee to being broadly representative of the schools (and populated by the Committee on Committees) from being composed of a representative each from the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation, the Committee on Research, Graduate Council and Undergraduate Council. Additionally, the Chief Information Officer (CIO) has been removed as an ex-officio member, at the CIO's request. Finally, a small revision has been made to bylaw II.IV.4.B.2 addressing the committee's role in the Library's budget.

    Requested Actions: The Chair will transmit GC's comments to the Senate Chair by October 8, 2019.

V.	**Managing Non-Senate Faculty Appointment Process** – *VPDGE Zatz*	**15 Min**

Last year, Graduate Council revised its Non-Academic Senate Faculty Eligibility to Teach Graduate Courses Policy to delegate appointment authority to the dean with the expectation of an annual report. Graduate Division has developed a draft reporting process for GC's consideration. The petition form referenced in the draft process is here.

Action Requested: Comment on the proposed process.

VI.   **Graduate Policies and Procedures Handbook**   **10 Min**
At its August 28 meeting, Graduate Council approved removing from the *Graduate Policies and Procedures Handbook* the requirement that, to be eligible for teaching assistant and GSR funding, continuing graduate students have achieved a minimum letter grade of B or S in all courses completed (in addition to meeting the Satisfactory Progress criterion). This (now eliminated) requirement also applies to the appointment of continuing graduate students as Readers and Tutors ([Handbook](#) p. 21 – 22 and 22-23, respectively). Members will consider whether to revise the funding eligibility criteria for Readers and Tutors such that, as for teaching assistant and GSR appointments, the Satisfactory Progress criterion suffices for both academic standing and funding eligibility.

Action Requested: Determine next steps.

VII.   **Consultation with VPDGE**   **5 Min**
     A. New Central Valley Fellowship
     B. Academic Counselor and Data Analyst hires ongoing, Fellowship Coordinator next
     C. Cohort tuition discussions and graduate students

VIII.   **Consultation with APAPB Schnier**   **45 Min**

     A.   **Graduate Funding Model**
         Members will consult with APAPB Schnier on the graduate funding model in development.

     B.   **Non-Academic Senate Faculty Eligibility to Teach Graduate Courses Policy**
         The [policy](#) expects requests to appoint non-Senate faculty to come to Dean Zatz from Graduate Group Chairs. However, department chairs are responsible for hiring lecturers, leading to the potential need to revise the policy. Members will consult with APAPB Schnier regarding the potential impact of funding streams on this policy revision.

IX.   **New Business?**