

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

1:30 – 3:00 PM

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| I. Executive Session | 30 Min |
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| II. Vice Chair Report – <i>Hrant Hratchian</i> | 5 Min |
| A. Divisional Council meeting (9/18) | |
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| III. Consent Calendar | 5 Min |
| A. The agenda (9/25) | |
| B. Revised management and reporting process for approving non-Senate faculty for graduate course instruction . Per discussion at the 9/11 GC meeting, the following two items were added to the information to be reported to GC annually: the type of course (regular, PDST, or SSP) and the number and percentage of courses in the program taught by non-Senate faculty. | |
| C. The following requests for modifications to existing courses have been approved by the GC CRF Subcommittee: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIST 202 - Managerial Finance and Accounting • MIST 241 – Management Information Systems • PH 208A – Professional Skills A • PH 208B – Professional Skills B • MBSE 295 – Graduate Research • ME 290 – Topics in Mechanical Engineering | |
| D. The following requests for course discontinuations have been approved by the GC CRF Subcommittee: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEST 214 – Tissue Engineering Design • BEST 291 – Research Seminar • BEST 294 – Responsible Conduct of Research • PHYS 249 – Introduction to Quantum Field Theory • QSB 280 – Advanced Mathematical Biology • PSY 214 – History of Psychology | |
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| IV. Consultation with LAUC-M Representative | 10 Min |
| Jerrold Shiroma, a member of the Librarians Association of the University of California-Merced , joins Graduate Council to discuss LAUC-M representation on the committee. | |
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| V. Sponsored Projects Redesign Initiative Request – <i>Vice Chair Hratchian</i> | 10 Min |
| Members discuss the following two questions regarding the administrative organization of sponsored projects: | |
| 1. Whether to have all sponsored projects staff report to ORED or to maintain some version of the current model with some staff reporting to ORED and others to schools/ORUs. (Please note this question is about reporting lines not physical location of the staff.) | |

2. Whether to have the budget management component of research administration (contract and grants) continue to report to ORED or to have it report to the Division of Finance and Administration.

Action Requested: GC makes a recommendation for Chair Westerling to report at the October 2 Divisional Council meeting.

VI. Discussion Item: [Curriculog System Review Report](#) – Chair Westerling 15 Min

Last year at the Graduate Council Chair's request, a review of Curriculog and the CRF process was undertaken. Members will discuss the [resulting report](#) with the goal of advising Graduate Council's representatives to the [CRF Policy Work Group](#) being established to address the report's recommendations. GC's representatives to the group are Chair Westerling and Member Newsam.

Action Requested: Members advise work group representatives.

VII. Discussion Item: Graduate Group Size and Enrollment – Chair Westerling 10 Min

Members will discuss minimum graduate group size and the idea of establishing a cohort admissions model. To inform the conversation, data on graduate applications and acceptances is here.

Action Requested: Determine next steps.

VIII. Consultation with VPDGE 5 Min

A. Updates

IX. New Business?

X. Informational Items

- 9/16 – The [final report](#) of the Academic Planning Work Group is transmitted to the faculty (Senate and Non-Senate) and membership of Joint Council.
- 9/16 – The Provost transmits to the Senate [the revised Policy for the Establishment of Schools and Colleges](#), together with a cover letter that responds to the comments each committee offered in AY 2018-19. The policy will be piloted with the Gallo School pre-proposal this year.