I. Welcome and Introductions – Chair Hratchian 1:30-1:35

II. Chair’s Report—Chair Hratchian 1:35-1:45
Chair Hratchian reports on committee businesses that took place prior to this inaugural meeting, including the 4+1 program proposal and related documents from MBSE.

III. Vice Chair’s Report – Erin Hestir 1:45-1:50
Vice Chair Hestir reports on Graduate Group Chairs’ Meeting

IV. Consent Calendar 1:50-1:55
A. The agenda (8/31/20)
B. Minutes from AY 2019-20 meetings
C. Graduate Council Calendar for Academic Programs and Courses

V. Conducting Committee Business – Chair Hratchian 1:55-2:05
Members 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

VI. Discussion Item: Anticipated Business for AY 2020-21 – Chair Hratchian 2:05-2:20
Members review anticipated business for the year.

- CCGA proposal and other Program reviews
  o SSGPDP Master’s in Data Science and Analytics, 4+1 program from MBSE
- Develop, revise and/or finalize the following policies
  o Policy on Graduate Group P&P
    Revise the review process so that graduate groups only need to vote once per submission. Also include review by Graduate Division prior to submission to GC to ensure alignment with GPPH
- Recommended Action: Approve the revised policy and publish on Senate website
  o Policy for Non-Academic Senate Faculty Eligibility to Teach Graduate Courses
    Consider revision to specifically address instructors without doctoral degrees
  o Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities/Conflict Resolution
    GC to develop policies incorporating findings from the faculty-graduate student dispute workgroup (to be convened in Fall 2020), the National Academies’ report on sexual harassment (2018), and Graduate Division’s draft document
TPP Academic Oversight

- Review CRFs, Graduate Group Bylaws, and Policies and Procedures
- Recommend revisions to the fellowship award processes/timeline
- System and campus review items:

  **Campus Review: Five-Year Planning Perspectives 2020-2025** (due 9/11/20)
  EVC/Provost requests Senate review of the Perspectives. The cover letter provides guidance and context.

  **Recommended Action:** Decide whether to review or decline; if former, assign lead reviewers

VII. **Graduate Council Goals for AY 2020-21 – Chair Hratchian**  

Members are asked to identify committee goals for the year and determine if there are administrators to invite to Graduate Council meetings.

- **Enhance Postdoc mentoring and support** during COVID-19 (ensuring postdocs are informed of current guidance), and beyond (professional development opportunities are made available and communicated)

- **Engage in graduate group funding model development and planning**

- **Address anti-Black racism,** working with DivCo and relevant administration and joint task forces.

- **Strengthen communication lines between graduate group chairs, School Deans, and Graduate Council**
  Continued communication about policy accommodation for COVID, enhance relationships with school-level graduate group support teams, and facilitate graduate group chair leadership development

  **Recommended Action:** GC Vice Chair will communicate the P&P review timeline and process at the next Graduate Chairs’ meeting.

- **Advance Faculty-Graduate Student Conflict Resolution,** building on AY19-20 FWAF-GC joint initiative. Actively participate in the Senate-Administration joint working group, and revise policies accordingly

- **GC’s Role in Reaching R1 – Member Chen**
  Previous suggestions in this regard include inviting the VCORED (last consultation was October 30, 2018), and inviting the Chief Human Resources Officer (to discuss grant support personnel).

  **Recommended Action:** Identify guests to invite for further discussion.

VIII. **Establish Subcommittees and Other Appointments – Chair Hratchian**  

1. Policy Subcommittee (3 members)
2. CRF/CPS Subcommittee (chair and 2 members; ideally one individual from each school)
3. Periodic Review Oversight Committee (PROC)—one representative
4. Fellowship Subcommittee—two members?
5. Others?

IX. **Consultation with Interim Vice Provost/Dean of Graduate Education, Chris Kello**  

A. Overview of Graduate Division Initiatives
X. New Business?

XI. Informational Items

Report of the Academic Council Teaching Evaluation Task Force
CSHE Report on Students’ Mental Health (Aug 2020) from UC Berkeley