

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 28, 2022

1:30 – 2:45 PM

COB 2 Room 392

I. Chair's Report (1:30-1:50)—*Chair Hestir*

A. Divisional Council (2/24)

The Honors Program was previewed during the February 24, 2022 DivCo meeting. The Honors Program proposal will be circulated to GC. Chair Hestir reported that there was a discussion on the LASC memo regarding the CCGA Handbook. DivCo will be writing a memo in response to LASC.

B. Search Committee for VPDGE Replacement

Search Committee for VPDGE's replacement has met for the first time and is being led by UC San Diego. Chair Hestir encourages anyone that is interested to reach out directly to Chair Hestir or the Provost Office.

II. Vice Chair's Report (1:50-2:00)—*Vice Chair Ha*

A. Graduate Group Chairs Meeting (2/18)

Vice Chair Ha reported that there are currently 27 fellowships offered. There were some questions from the Chairs during the meeting of the possibility of not being able to recruit students. These questions consisted of whether these fellowships or funds can be rolled over or transferred to another faculty member in the same department. Vice Chair Ha stated that the current status is that the fellowships can be rolled over within the same year. Vice Chair Ha also reported on the mentoring training, and there were some discussions on who to prioritize, as availability is limited. There were discussions about prioritizing graduate group Chairs. Lastly, Vice Chair Ha reported on the topic of Chegg, and problems related to course materials being circulated on the internet. Faculty has been encouraged to copyright their materials. UCOP has requested GC or any administrative unit to provide recommended language for faculty to use in their materials.

III. Consent Calendar (2:00-2:00)—*Chair Hestir*

A. The agenda (2/28/22)

B. Course Proposals

(NEW)

ECON - 291 - Economics Seminar

EECS - 211 - Bandit Algorithms

PHYS - 281 - Computational Physics

(REVISED)

ECON - 230B - Econometrics II

Action: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

IV. Graduate Division Updates (2:00-2:30)—*Interim VPDGE Chris Kello*

A. Funding model for all campus fellowships

This will be discussed at a future GC meeting.

B. Graduate Division Budget Call

The campus is starting to develop a budget call process. VPDGE Kello reported on the ideas that were included in the budget call process. The writing coordinator for graduate students, fellowship proposals, dissertation boot camps, and workshops throughout the year will be supported. VPDGE

Kello mentioned that post doc funding is also very important. In this case, the budget call states funding directly for postdocs for postdoc programming. Lastly, the mentor training will be funded. The Fellowship Coordinator position is one of the higher priorities, as they are able to teach graduate students to not only write external fellowship proposals, but other types of writing as well. VPDGE Kello stated that all of these ideas tie in with goals, priorities, and strategies that were from the prior Graduate Division academic plan. The Graduate Division budget has not increased in five years and the fellowship budget has remained the same. The graduate student population has increased, so working with a flat budget has become an issue. VPDGE Kello stated that there will be two million dollars added each year to the fellowship budget. 1 million has gone to R1 fellowships, and the remaining amount has gone to additional recruiting fellowships and subsidizing SPARK seminars. 1 million will be added each year to the fellowship budget, which is provided by the Provost. The Graduate Student Representative asked if this fellowship budget was for all students, including undocumented students without AB 540 and if so, what percentage of this budget has been allocated to those types of students. VPDGE Kello stated that there is not a set amount allocated to those kinds of students as allocation of funds are determined on a needs basis. The Graduate Student Representative suggested more transparency of this matter during the application or recruitment process.

V. Consultation with Tammy Johnson, Director of University Extension and Summer Session, and Mari Harris, Director of Extension Educational Programs (2:30-2:40)

A. Proposal for Convening a Committee or Sub-Committee on University Extension

Director of University Extension and Summer Session Johnson shared that this proposal is intended to do three key things:

1. Create a more permanent process for academic non degree program and course approvals for disciplines without a campus department, such as teacher education and education discipline.
2. To serve as a recommending Senate body for approvals of all extension academic college level courses and non degree programs.
3. To allow for a consent calendar that meets extensions unique needs and community service mission.

This proposal is based on the UC Riverside academic senate process for managing the approvals of Extension non degree programs and courses. Chair Hestir proposed to form an ad hoc subcommittee that would be comprised of GC members or other faculty members who have relevant expertise from across the Senate. Director of University Extension and Summer Session Johnson asked if an ad hoc committee would be able to respond quickly as Extension needs to the approval process. Chair Hestir asked why Extension needs a fast turnaround when other degree programs are able to work within the calendar that the Registrar and the Senate set. Director of University Extension and Summer Session Johnson explained that there is a time limit for the viability of Extension programs. As Extension is a self support unit and is required to pay for the course development upfront, Extension does not have the funds to invest in long term developing. GC will consider next steps in reviewing this proposal.

VI. New Business? (2:40-2:45)

VII. Informational Items

- A. Spring 2022 Census
- B. CTC Accreditation Letter
- C. At their February 18 meeting, UGC approved the proposed revisions to the Teaching Fellow Policy to remove UGC from the approval process of the appointments of graduate students to teach upper division courses.

VIII. Executive Session: Management of Innovation, Sustainability, and Technology (MIST) P&Ps (2:45-3:00)

Executive Session Agenda and materials were provided to the prospective attendees.