# Graduate and Research Council (GRC) Tuesday, April 30, 2013 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

# I. Chair's Report – Professor Valerie Leppert 5 min - DivCo (4/26) - Update on Graduate Dean Search II. GRC Representative Report- Professor Ruth Mostern - UCOLASC (4/26) III. Consent Calendar - Approval of the Agenda

## IV. Awards Subcommittee- Chair Ruth Mostern

10 min

First Year Fellowships

GRC was asked to provide additional ranking to the Graduate Division for the Chancellors and Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship.

- Graduate Division Request for Extended Rankings
- Updated List of Nominees

# Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award

Graduate Division received a total of 9 applications. One award will be given to a Graduate Student in each of the three schools.

- Applications are available on crops
- OTA Call for Nominations

# Awards Subcommittee Email & Rankings

**Action:** Review and approve subcommittee rankings for forwarding to the Graduate Division.

## V. Faculty Research Grants

5 min

As of April 26, six faculty applications have been received. Deadline is April 30 at 5pm. **Action:** Discuss GRC timeline for review of faculty research grant applications.

# VI. Graduate Group Policies & Procedures

10 min

Background: On April 16, GRC reviewed the proposed revisions to the Graduate Advisors Handbook that addressed the issues concerning the overall campus policy on critical examination outcomes. Before sending the call for annual review of the Graduate Group Policies and Procedures some additional changes are needed

- Draft Memo to Graduate Groups- 2013 Annual Review
- Proposed Revisions to the Graduate Advisors Handbook

Relevant Documents (hyperlink):

- Application for Advancement to Candidacy

- Final Report the Master's Degree
- Application for Qualifying Examination
- Report on Final Examination of the Ph.D. Degree
- Advancement to Candidacy Ph.D.
- Graduate Advisors Handbook

Action: Discuss and finalize memo for the Graduate Group Policies and Procedures Call.

# VII. Systemwide Review Items

5 min

- Proposed Revised APM Section IV, Salary Administration (APM 600 Series)

Background: Proposed revisions are updating outdated delegations of authority, technical corrections, congruent formatting with overall APM, and replaces payroll system with UC Path initiative component to build a systemwide Shared Service Center.

• APM 600 Review Packet

**Action:** Review and provide comments to DivCo by May 1.

- Proposed Revised APM Section 241, Faculty Administrators (Positions Less Than 100%)

Background: Propose revisions bring APM 241 into conformance with Regents Policy 2307 in its specification of how systemwide Multicampus Research Unit (MRU) directors are chosen.

• APM Section 241 Review Packet

Action: Review and provide comments to Divco by May 24.

VIII. Establishment of a Joint Graduate-Undergraduate Program Review Committee 10 min
Background: Discuss Senate Chair O'Day sent a memo to UGC and GRC requesting both

committees to jointly revise the current graduate and undergraduate program review policies to form an independent PRC of both GC and UGC, without the stipulation that PRC members also serve as members of UGC or GC. This committee will be responsible for both Undergraduate and Graduate Program Reviews. Revised policies are due by May 15, 2013

- Senate Chair Memo
- UC Irvine Policy- Joint Review of Academic Programs
- Undergraduate Program Review Policy
- Graduate Program Review Policy
- Revised Graduate Program Review Policy- March 2013
- IX. Advisory Committee on Research Safety- Professor Jason Hein

10 min

Background: Provost/EVC Peterson has delegated the authority to Vice Chancellor of Research Traina to create a Joint Senate Administration Advisory Committee on Research Safety.

Provost/EVC to VCR- Delegation of Authority Memo

**Action:** Discuss the present charge and possible revision recommendations to the Office of Research.

X. Proposed AY 2013-2014 Funding Model- Graduate Dean Kello

**15 min** 

Background: Graduate Dean Kello has asked GRC to opine the draft internal funding model for graduate student research and teaching. On April 16, GRC requested more information on how other campuses handle the allocation of TAs.

• Draft Internal Funding Model

**Action:** Continued discussion on the proposed funding model and provide feedback to Graduate Dean Kello.

XI. Executive Session- GRC Voting Members Only

15 min

# Upcoming GRC Agenda Items:

• Applied Mathematics CCGA Proposal- UCM Internal Reviewer comments were reviewed and revisions have been requested. The revised Applied Math CCGA Proposal was received on 4/23.

Action Requested: Review revised Applied Mathematics CCGA Proposal.

#### • Faculty Research Grants-Submission Deadline April 30, 2013

Action Requested: Review proposals and finalize recipients by May 14.

## • Graduate Program Review Policy

Action Requested: Propose revisions to the Graduate Program Review Policy that would allow the establishment of a joint Undergraduate-Graduate Program Review Committee. Provide policy revision proposal to DivCo by May 15.

Graduate Student Issues – GSA report under review by graduate programs and schools, response requested by 12/04
 Action Requested: Discuss how GRC can help address these issues within its own policies and in recommendations to units impacting graduate students.

#### • Graduate Regulations

Action Requested: Discuss if GRC should draft graduate regulations to be included in the UC Merced Regulations.

## • Required Core Facilities

Background: Office of Research will be requesting input on required Core Facilities

#### Graduate Advisors Handbook

Action Requested: Solicit input from GRC members on required revisions.

## • Coordination of Graduate Student Support Services

*Action Requested:* Discuss how the coordination of services available to graduate students can best be leveraged by Graduate Division and Graduate Student Services.

## • Web Support for Graduate Programs

Action Requested: Discuss web support and plan for monitoring of content to conform to UC and WASC requirements for graduate program websites.

#### Informational:

## • Interdisciplinary Humanities CCGA Proposal- GRC sent approved proposal

Status Update: Chancellor & Provost/EVC Peterson transmitted proposal to UCOP and CCGA. CCGA has assigned reviewers.

# • Political Science CCGA Proposal- GRC approved proposal

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