

Graduate and Research Council (GRC)
Tuesday, September 11, 2012
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
KL 232

AGENDA	Time
<p>I. Chair’s Report – Professor Valerie Leppert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome new and returning members 	5 min
<p>II. Consent Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of the Agenda - Approval of the revised Grad Program Review Cycle Chemistry and Chemical Biology was recently approved as a stand-alone graduate program by CCGA. The Graduate Program Review Cycle has been changed to reflect the program’s new review cycle. - Approval of the 2012-2013 Calendar for Academic Programs and Courses Approved calendar will be distributed to the graduate groups, graduate coordinators and will be published on the Senate website. 	
<p>III. UCM Representatives on Systemwide Committees</p> <p>The following systemwide representatives are confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCGA: Valerie Leppert - UCORP: Mike Cleary - UCOLASC: Sholeh Quinn (Fall Only) <p>The University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC) advises the President concerning the administration of University libraries.</p> <p>Action: Decide if GRC would like to make a recommendation to CoC for nomination of a representative for UCOLASC for the spring semester. Commitment means attending the February 22 and April 26 meetings in Oakland.</p>	5 min
<p>IV. GRC Subcommittees</p> <p>Action: Identify GRC members to serve on the subcommittees.</p>	10 min
<p>V. Request from Interim EVC/Provost Traina</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Education Search Committee Interim EVC/Provost Traina asked CoC to nominate three ladder-rank faculty members from different graduate programs and a GRC ladder-rank faculty member. The search committee will be commissioned during the fall semester. <p>Action: Decide if GRC would like to make are recommendation to CoC for a GRC ladder rank faculty member to serve on the search committee.</p>	5 min
<p>VI. Revised Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS)</p>	5 min

Policies and Bylaws

Background: Last year GRC reviewed the EECS Policies and Bylaws and had minimal revision suggestions. Enclosed is the document with revisions suggested by GRC. The new document has been discussed by the EECS faculty and is expected to become binding for students enrolling in 2012-2013.

Action: Review revisions and respond to EECS by September 21.

- VII. Life and Environmental Sciences Bylaw 55 Unit Proposal** **10 min**
Background: Following the establishment of four bylaw units in the School of Natural Sciences the remaining faculty submitted a proposal to establish the Life and Environmental Sciences (LES) Bylaw 55 unit.
Action: Review the LES Bylaw 55 Unit proposal and make a recommendation to DivCo by September 21.
- VIII. WASC Graduate Student Success Indicators** **10 min**
Background: The WASC Commission has circulated for comment a draft set of templates for documenting and evaluating student success at the graduate level. All graduate degree granting institutions will be required to submit the set of templates triennially. ALO Martin has requested feedback from the Academic Senate, Acting Dean of the Graduate Division and Institutional Planning and Analysis.
Action: Review templates and send comments to DivCo by September 21.
- IX. Draft- UC Merced Principles of Assessment** **10 min**
Background: The draft Principles were drafted by the Campus Working Group on Assessment and endorsed by SACAP.
Action: Review draft UC Merced Principles of Assessment and send comments to DivCo by September 21.
- X. Model for Graduate Program Funding for AY 12-13** **20 min**
Report from Acting Graduate Dean Chris Kello.
- XI. Disposition of Expenditure Reports for Previous GRC Allocations** **10 min**
Background: Last year, Graduate Groups were instructed to submit an expenditures report at the end of the fiscal year as a condition for receiving future funding.
Action: Decide how GRC would like to handle the expenditure reports.

Upcoming GRC Agenda Items:▪ **Graduate Program Review**

Action requested: Discuss how GRC would like to proceed with the programs that currently scheduled to undergo program review in 2012-2013.

▪ **Timeline for Review of Graduate Group Policies and Procedures**

Action requested: Discuss a GRC timeline for review of revised Graduate Group Policies and Procedures for 2012-2013.

▪ **Graduate Regulations**

Action requested: Discuss if GRC would like to draft graduate regulations to be included in the UC Merced Regulations.

• **Strategic Focusing**

Background: Campus will be going through strategic refocusing this year. GRC is likely to be involved in senate consultation during this process.

• **Graduate Student Issues**

Background: A number of critical graduate student issues have been identified by the new campus ombuds. These include problems with stipends and fee remissions; and a clear understanding of policies and procedures, and student-advisor expectations.

• **Library Subcommittee**

Background: The UCM library has been envisioned as a digital resource, but research and teaching needs call for physical resources as well. GRC needs to consider how to construct charge for library subcommittee this year to move forward on resolving this issue.

• **Required Core Facilities**

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

• **Systemwide Review Items: Informational**

- [Senate-Administration Graduate Issues Working Group Final Report GSIWG](#)
- Report of the [Academic Task Force on Academic Graduate Student Support CAGSS](#)
- **Rebenching Budget Committee Report**—Comments due: October 22.
The report discusses framework and makes recommendations to increase the transparency and equity in the formula for allocating state funds across the ten campuses. GRC has been asked to opine.
- **Enrollment Management Principles in Context of Rebenching**-- Comments due: October 22.
This document endorses a set of principles as a baseline for a discussion of how rebenching requires enrollment management, and that enrolment planning should address some of the restructuring issues of the University budget.GRC has been asked to opine.