GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)
Tuesday, January 21, 2020
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Graduate Council Duties

I. Executive Session 0 Min

II. Chair’s Report 5 Min

III. Consent Calendar 5 Min
   A. The agenda (1/21)
   B. Minutes from 11/20 and 12/11 meetings
   C. Psychological Sciences revised P&P

IV. Revised P&P: Physics — Alex Theodoridis, Linda-Ann Rebhun 5 Min
   Action Requested: Review and transmit GC decision to the Physics Graduate Program.

V. Campus Review Items 15 Min
   A. Interim Policy for Enrollment Management of Impacted Programs — Shawn Newsam, Alex Theodoridis
      The policy was developed by Undergraduate Council and its Admissions and Financial Aid and
      Scholarships subcommittee. GC is a lead committee for this review. Comments are also being
      solicited under separate cover from department chairs and administrative leadership. Member
      Newsam’s comments are available here.
      Action Requested: Transmit Graduate Council comments to Senate Chair by 2/7/20.

VI. Catalog Revisions — Chair Westerling 5 Min
   Graduate Division has submitted proposed catalog revisions for 10 Programs. Catalog updates
   are due to Registrar’s on March 1 (or later).
   Action Requested: Form a Catalog Revision Review subcommittee (corresponding to
   review of P&Ps), whose review will be due at GC’s 2/4 and 2/18 meetings.

VII. Inquiry from MBSE about revising PLOs and its impact on CRF Process — Chair Westerling 5 Min
   MBSE’s revised P&P (submitted on January 15, 2020) has an additional PLO (PLO 6), to which
   some courses being proposed for Fall 2020 are linked. MBSE is asking if the syllabi
   accompanying the CRFs should list PLO 6 or not.
   Action Requested: Respond to MBSE with an answer by the end of business on
   1/21/20.
VIII. Discussion Item: CatCourses Auto-Populate Contents—Chair Westerling 10 Min
Following GC’s proposal, the CatCourses Work Group has consulted with administrative units on contents that will be auto-populated in CatCourses, which are available in the draft policy document. The cover memo to UGC provides useful context.

Action Requested: Review and approve the policy document, to be forwarded to IT (upon approval by both committees) for implementation in Fall 2020 courses.

IX. Discussion Item: GRE requirement—Chair Westerling 10 Min
UC Merced is currently the only UC campus that requires GRE as a campus; at other campuses the GRE requirements are at the discretion of graduate programs. Members are invited to consider revision of the admissions policy¹, to delegate the decision to the individual Graduate Groups.


X. Consultation with VPDGE 10 Min
A. Updates on admissions
B. Preparation for potential Supreme Court decision on DACA

XI. New Business?