

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)**May 3, 2016****1:30-3:00 PM****KL 362****Documents available at: [UCM Box](#)****I. Chair's Report – Chair Dawson (5 min)**

- a. DivCo meeting, May 2
- b. Graduate Group Chair's meeting, April 26
- c. CRF software solutions

II. Consent Calendar (1 min)

- a. Approval of May 3 meeting agenda
- b. Approval of April 19 meeting minutes

Pg. 3**III. Review update: Graduate Group Policies & Procedures, Graduate Advisors' Handbook (5 min)****Action requested:** Prepare for 17 May.**IV. Membership in Graduate Programs (10 min)****Pg. 6**

Background: Graduate groups may have several levels of membership, for example, core and affiliate membership. Different UCM graduate groups have different policies for affiliates and various expectations. What are the rights of affiliates? What should they be from a campus-wide perspective? What is allowed under UC systemwide policy? What UCM policy pertains? For example: Can a non-faculty member (e.g., research associate) serve as sole principle advisor of a doctoral student, and/or of a M.S. student (i.e., without a ranked faculty co-advisor)? Can a non-ladder rank faculty member (e.g., adjunct faculty) serve as sole principle advisor of a doctoral or a M.S. student? What are the obligations of the affiliate to the program, and how does this impact their obligations to their core group? How are member's contributions decided, implemented, tracked, and evaluated? An example policy for memberships from Davis is appended.

Action requested: Discuss. Adopt for future deliberation and policy-making?

V. Graduate Professional Development Course (10 min)

Background: Following the April 5 Graduate Council meeting, graduate groups were informed that GC preferred a set of cross-listed professional development courses and they were invited to participate. The graduate groups would submit CRFs (which could be bundled), including identification of the graduate group's PLO(s) that are relevant to the course. Otherwise the CRF submissions would be identical across programs. They would be coordinated under a common number and course name across programs. This was discussed at the April 26 meeting of graduate group chairs including the alternative of a separate course proposed by Graduate Division. Following discussion, the chairs moved that "Graduate Division offer a separate curriculum not affiliated with units/programs." This was supported 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (from a chair who walked in during voting). We propose that the campus overarching graduate PLOs be used for this course (see Appendix III (last page) of

<http://senate.ucmerced.edu/files/public/Graduate%20CLO%20%20PLO%20Guidelines%20Final%20May%202012.pdf> (also available at

<http://catalog.ucmerced.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=441> [Programs of Study]

Action requested: Graduate Division respectfully requests that Graduate Council reconsider the original request by Graduate Division to offer a professional development course, in light of the strong support by the graduate group chairs.

VI. Catalog Copy – amendments (10 min)

Background: At the 19 April meeting, some discrepancies in PLOs in catalog copy were identified. Further exploration identified inconsistencies in various incarnations of the PLOs for five graduate groups. The catalog copy has been updated and requires re-approval.

Action: Approve and forward to Registrar.

VII. Outstanding Teaching Award (10 min)

Background: Reviews completed. Aim to award three OTAs, one per school.

Action requested: Review rankings, discuss process as needed, endorse, and forward recommendation to Graduate Division.

VIII. Other Business**IX. Consultation with VPDGE Zatz****X. Upcoming business**

- a. Teaching as Scholarship including Guidelines for TA Supervision, complement to Graduate Handbook guidance on choosing grads for TAships
- b. Awards 'white paper'
- c. PDSTs / SSPs
- d. Extension / CalTeach
- e. Review of graduate group bylaws

XI. Executive Session (35 min)