

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)**September 29th, 2016****10:00-11:30 AM KL 362****Documents available at: UCM Box "[GC AY 16-17](#)"**

- I. **Chair's Report – Ramesh Balasubramaniam**
 - a. Division Council meeting – September 22, 2016
 - b. Graduate students TAing Graduate courses

- II. **Consent Calendar**
 - a. Approval of the September 8th, 2016 minutes pg. 2
 - b. Approval of the September 29, 2016 agenda
 - c. MIST MM CCGA Review

- III. **Professional Development Course offered by Graduate Division (GradDiv)** pg. 4
 - a. **Background:** In AY 15-16, GradDiv proposed a professional development course, which was discussed by GC and declined. GradDiv requests that GC reconsider the proposal this year.
 - b. **Action:** GC to review attached letter from VPDGE Zatz and discuss proposal.

- IV. **Systemwide Review Items**
 - a. **Technical revisions to APM Section 190 Appendix G**
 - i. **Background:** Systemwide Academic Senate Chair Chalfant has requested comments on proposed technical revisions to APM – 190, Appendix G, "Retirement Contributions on Academic Appointee Summer Salary".
 - ii. **Action:** GC sends comments to senatechair@ucmerced.edu by 5:00 PM on Monday, October 3.
 - b. **Presidential Policy on International Activities**
 - i. **Background:** Systemwide Academic Senate Chair Chalfant has requested comments on a proposed draft for a "Presidential Policy on International Activities". COR is a lead committee on this review item.
 - ii. **Action:** GC sends comments to senatechair@ucmerced.edu by 5:00 PM on Thursday, October 27.

- V. **Consultation with VPDGE Zatz**
 - a. Current enrollment projections from graduate group chairs
 - b. Peer mentor program
 - c. Writing/statistics consultants
 - d. Announcements:
 - i. October 17 – Theatre Delta performance on mentor-mentee relationship
 - ii. October 21 – National Labs Day

- VI. **Upcoming Business**
 - a. GC representative to the WSCUC Steering Committee (awaiting next GC member).

- VII. **Other Business**

- VIII. **Executive Session (Voting members only)**