Graduate Council (GC)
Thursday, December 12, 2013
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA	*Pg.*	Time

I.   Chair's Report – *Professor Valerie Leppert*   **3 min**
-   DivCo (12/3)
-   CCGA (12/4)
-   Strategic Focusing Initiative Update
-   UCM Interim Librarian to GC - Graduate Student Oral Examinations List

II.   Consent Calendar
-   Approval of the Agenda
-   Approval of the November 7 Meeting Minutes
-   Approval of the November 21 Meeting Minutes
-   Subject to the approval of the CRF Subcommittee:
    - ENGR 292- Intellectual Property for Engineers & Scientists
    - PSY 231: Developmental Psychology I
-   Approval of the revised Applied Mathematics Policies & Procedures
-   Approval of the draft memo to DivCo on the Course Buyout Policy 1.0
-   Approval of the draft memo to DivCo on the Library's 2020 Space Plan
-   Approval of the draft Graduate Student Appointment Policy
-   Approval of the proposed changes to the Environmental Systems (ES):
    - MS Degree Requirements
    - PhD Degree Requirements
-   Approval of the draft policies and procedures revisions request memos to graduate groups:
    - Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS)
    - Mechanical Engineering (ME)
    - World Cultures (WC)

III.   Awards Subcommittee- Chair Sayantani Ghosh   **10 min**
GC was asked by the Graduate Division to provide feedback on the draft 2014-2015 First Year
and Continuing Graduate Fellowship Guidelines.
-   Draft GC Memo to Graduate Division
-   Grad Division to GC- Minor Update to Guidelines
-   First Year Fellowship Guidelines Annotated
    - Chancellors Graduate Fellowship (CGF)
    - Eugene Cota Robles (ECR) Fellowship
-   Continuing Student Fellowship Guidelines Annotated
    - Faculty Mentor Program (FMP)
    - Fletcher Jones Fellowship (FJ)
    - Miguel Velez Fellowship (MV)
    - President's Dissertation Year (PDY) Fellowship
    - Graduate Dean Dissertation Year (GDDY) Fellowship
Action: Review subcommittee comments and approve for forwarding to the Graduate Division.

IV. **Graduate Regulations** **2 min**

Background: With the approval for Fast Track Review of new doctoral degrees emerging from existing emphases within the IIGP, WASC made one single recommendation to the campus: formalize graduate policies by including them in our Senate Regulations.

- Draft- Graduate Regulations

Action: Review draft graduate regulations and endorse for forwarding to Senate standing committees for review.

V. **Systemwide Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDP)** **15 min**

Background: Graduate Council has been asked to comment on the proposed revisions to the SSGPDP Policy that now includes implementation information. The draft policy builds on the 2011 approved policy by (1) addressing the limited circumstances under which a state-supported graduate professional degree program can convert to self-supporting status and (2) revises the existing implementation guidelines to help campuses facilitate the establishment of self-supporting programs. UC Davis Task Force Final Report of January 2012 provides background information on the issues around the implementing Self-Supporting Degree Programs in response to the 2011 approved policy.

- Provost/EVC Dorr Memo- Policy Review Request
- Draft- SSGPDP Policy
- UCD Task Force Final Report *(hyperlinked)*

Action: Discuss and draft comments for forwarding to the Senate Chair López-Calvo.

VI. **Joint Program Review Committee Charge** **5 min**

- Draft Program Review Committee Charge

Action: Review and approve the revised PRC Charge.

VII. **Executive Session**- *GC Members Only* **55 min**

Upcoming GC Agenda Items:

- **CCGA Proposals**
  - **Physics Proposal- GC Revision requested on 10/7, Revised Proposal due 11/30**
    Action Requested: Review revised proposal and send to UCM Internal Reviewers.
  - **Mechanical Engineering Proposal- submitted 11/13, sent to GC Lead Reviewer 11/14**
  - **Sociology Proposal- submitted 11/1, sent to GC Lead Reviewer 11/5**
  - **Molecular Cell Biology Proposal- submission date 11/5, sent to GC Lead Reviewer 11/5**
  - **Electrical Engineering and Computer Science- submitted 11/1, sent to GC Lead Reviewer 11/4**
  - **Materials Science and Engineering Proposal- expected submission date 3/31/14**

- **Campus Review Item: WASC Five Competency Expectation**
  Action Requested: Review and provide comments to DivCo by January 22, 2014.

- **Systemwide Review Items:**
  - **Proposed revisions to Bylaw 55**
    Action Requested: Review and provide comments to DivCo by January 6, 2014.
  - **Proposed revisions to APM 035, Appendices A-1 and A-2**
    Action Requested: Review and provide comments to DivCo by January 10, 2014.
  - **Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs**
    Action Requested: Review and provide comments to DivCo by January 13, 2014.
  - **Proposed revisions to APM 025, APM 670 and Proposed New APM 671**
    Action Requested: Review and provide comments to DivCo by January 31, 2014.

- **Self-Supporting Programs (SSPs) and Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) Programs**
  Action Requested: Discuss if GC would like to draft, *i*n consultation with the Administration, guidelines for the review of new and continuing SSPs and PDST Programs.

- **Guidelines for Graduate Group Policies and Procedures**
  Action Requested: Develop a template/guidelines for graduate group policies and procedures.

- **Graduate Student Mentoring Guidelines and Best Practices**
  Action Requested: Draft guidelines that establish a set of minim requirements, along with providing some best practices recommendations.

- **Review of Graduate Group Bylaws**
  Action Requested: Discuss is GC should establish a two-year review cycle for graduate group bylaws.

- **Graduate Council Committee Manual**
  Action Requested: Review and approve the committee manual.

- **Graduate Regulations**
  Action Requested: Review the draft graduate regulations to be included in the UC Merced Regulations.

- **Review of Graduate Advisors Handbook**
  Action Requested: Discuss needed 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.

- **Graduate Student Issues**
  *Action Requested***:** Discuss how GC can help address these issues within its own policies and in recommendations to units impacting graduate students.

- **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.