Graduate Council (GC)
Thursday, November 7, 2013
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA	Time

I.   Chair's Report – *Professor Valerie Leppert*   **10 min**
- WASC Substantive Change Conference Call Update (10/29)
- CCGA (11/6)
- DivCo (11/7)
- Strategic Focusing Initiative Update
- Reminder- Meeting of the Division: November 19 from 3:00-5:00pm in KL 232. Reception from 5:00-6:30PM

II.   Consent Calendar
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the draft revision request memo to BEST
- Subject to the approval of the CRF Subcommittee:
    - PHYS 248

III. Senate-Administration Library Working Group- *Professor Kathleen Hull*   **10 min**
    - Request from Senate-Administration Library Working Group
    - Member Comments
Action: Review and provide comments to the Senate-Administration Library Working Group.

IV.   Systemwide Review Items: **15 min**
A. Online Cross-Campus Course Pilot Project
    - UGC Chair Opine Request
    - Online Cross- Campus Course Pilot Project
    - Member Comments
    Action: Review and provide comments to DivCo by November 8.

B. Final Review of APM 290, APM 510 and APM 600 Series
    - Revisions to APM 290, Regents' Professors and Regents' Lectures
    - Revisions to APM 510, Intercampus Transfers
    - Revisions to APM 600 Series, Salary Administration
    Action: Review and provide comments to DivCo by November 12.

V.   Graduate Program Review Policy   **10 min**
Background: On October 28, the revised Graduate Program Review Policy was circulated as an email consent item. Comments were received from GC members, Joint Program Review Committee Chair Gregg Camfield, and Senate Office Program Review Manager Fatima Paul. Chair Leppert consolidated all recommendations and made final revisions to the document.
    - Track Changes- Program Review Policy
    - Draft Graduate Council PRC Charge
Action: Review and approve revised Graduate Program Review Policy

VI.   Discussion Item: Graduate Regulations   **10 min**
Background: The campus received WASC Interim Approval for Fast Track Review of new Doctoral degrees emerging from existing emphases within the Interim Individualized Graduate Program (IIGP). WASC made one single recommendation to the campus: formalize graduate policies by including them in our Senate Regulations.
- Division Regulations

VII.   Joint CRF Online System Update   **5 min**
Action: Review and discuss if GC would like to formally request the prototype of the new Joint CRF Online System.

VIII.   Executive Session- *GC Members Only*   **30 min**

Upcoming GC Agenda Items:

- **Campus Ethnic and Gender Diversity Issues**
  Action Requested: Discuss and provide comments to DivCo by November 22, 2013.

- **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- expected submission date 11/6**
  - **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**

- **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 12, 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.

- **Review of 2014-2015 First Year & Continuing Student Fellowship Guidelines**
  Action Requested: Review fellowship guidelines and forward comments to graduate division.

- **Self-Supporting Programs (SSPs) and Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) Programs**
  Action Requested: Discuss is 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: Discuss if GC should 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.