

Graduate Council (GC)
Minutes of Meeting
April 15, 2015

Pursuant to call, the Graduate Council met at 9:00 am on April 15, 2015 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Kathleen Hull presiding.

I. Chair's Report

Chair Hull updated GC members on the following:

April 8 CCGA meeting:

-- The committee discussed Chancellor Leland's presentation of Project 2020 at the Regents meeting. For further information, members were referred to the UCOP website to watch a video of the meeting.

--The "Committee of Two", Governor Brown and UC President Napolitano, are still negotiating the budget. CCGA is monitoring all negotiations involving graduate education and research.

-- Fee increases. It was reported that some of the funds received from the increase will be earmarked for mental health services for graduate students. The focus will be on Humanities graduate students as they traditionally experience challenges with a lack of grant funding and longer time to degree.

-- UC MEXUS. This program, first established in 1980, is undergoing its sunset review to determine whether it should continue or be disestablished. Due to the success of the program, it is highly likely it will remain in existence. (Sunset reviews occur every 15 years.) CCGA is one of the two committees involved in the sunset review.

-- Presentation on pilot program for AFS guidelines. Chair Hull announced she will defer her update on this item until later in the agenda, under systemwide review items.

April 23 Meeting of the Division:

--Chair Hull encouraged GC members to attend the meeting to hear updates on Senate business and the discussion of issues of interest to the Senate faculty such as Project 2020.

II. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Dawson updated the GC members on the April 14 PROC meeting.

PROC approved the draft principles for program review and the draft will be distributed to Senate standing committees and the appropriate members of the administration for review.

Vice Chair Dawson also reported that the General Education external review team's report was submitted and the General Education Subcommittee (GESC) is now reviewing and drafting a response. The review team suggested extensive revisions that will represent a significant shift in the campus's capacity to more efficiently deliver general education. Specifically, one of the goals is to assist graduate students to become better instructors and align this goal with the larger, institutional goals of teaching.

GESC will hold another summer retreat this year, scheduled for June 10-11. Chair Hull and GC member Schnier – who serves on the GESC – will attend.

Lastly, it was determined that that Environmental Systems's site visit will take place in fall 2015.

III. Consent Calendar

ACTION: The following items were approved as presented: February 25 meeting minutes, March 11 meeting minutes, Psychology bylaws, and Applied Math Bylaws. The two graduate groups will be notified.

IV. Campus Review Items

--Proposed new MAPP chapter pertaining to LPSOE and LSOE titles. GC members discussed the chapter's inclusion of publications under the section "Professional Competence and Activity" and the fact that original

research (different from research on pedagogy) is not a criterion for LPSOEs/LSOEs.

Members also debated the role of LPSOEs/LSOEs as primary advisors of graduate students versus serving as members of thesis or dissertation committees. Several members pointed out that graduate group bylaws stipulate membership of core and affiliated faculty; as such, graduate groups have the authority to define the extent to which LPSOEs/LSOEs participate in certain activities.

A member delineated the two issues of 1) the rights of LPSOEs/LSOEs and 2) the standards of review for appointees in these titles. It must be made clear which roles LPSOEs/LSOEs are allowed to play and this must be uniform, as appointees in these titles must be evaluated equitably when they undergo personnel reviews.

ACTION: GC to draft a memo stating its request for greater clarification with regard to the role of LPSOEs/LSOEs in graduate education and mentoring. The memo will be circulated to members prior to the April 29 GC meeting and the committee's comments will be finalized at this meeting in advance of the April 30 deadline for comments.

V. Systemwide Review Items

--Copyright and Fair Use Policy.

ACTION: The Senate chair will be notified that GC declines to comment.

--Guidelines on Accepting and Managing Equity in Return for Access to University Facilities and/or Services.

As mentioned in the Chair's report, this topic was discussed at the recent CCGA meeting as the proposed policy has implications for graduate student mentoring, connections, and dissertations. This policy allows campuses with incubators or accelerators to accept equity from companies. It mainly

pertains to software unitization rather than equipment, as the university does not have a mechanism for charging companies for the equipment usage.

A GC member pointed out the section of the proposed policy that refers to a designated campus individual and asked about the hiring process and reporting lines for this position. In addition, the member inquired about this policy's intersection with graduate student funding.

ACTION: Item tabled until the April 29 meeting. A draft memo containing the aforementioned questions and comments will be included in the next meeting's agenda packet. GC members will finalize discussion of this item at the April 29 meeting.

--APM 210-d.

This proposed revision to the APM includes contributions to diversity as a consideration in faculty merit reviews.

ACTION: The Senate chair will be notified that GC declines to comment.

VI. Consultation with VPDGE Marjorie Zatz

VP Zatz reported on the following:

-Grad Slam was highly successful and all three school deans contributed funds to the participants. UC Merced's winner will move on to the finals at UCOP. GC members are invited to attend the May 4 event at which the Graduate Division will livestream the finals from UCOP. The event will be held in the Grad Pad.

--Admissions and Recruitment. As of today, the campus has received 591 graduate student applications compared to 493 last year at this time. The campus has so far admitted 269 students for an admit rate of 46%. There are 117 SIRs compared to 80 last year at this item. Lastly, 107 students have yet to decide.

--Fellowships. The quality of students was especially high this year and unfortunately, some of these students accepted fellowships from other

campuses. VP Zatz suggested that next year, the campus should allow units to nominate more students in order to get a deeper pool.

--The Graduate Division will host a reception for graduating PhD and Master's students in the California Room on May 15. GC members are invited and encouraged to attend.

VII. Executive Session

Confidential. No minutes taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Attest:

Kathleen Hull, GC Chair

Minutes taken by: Simrin Takhar, Senate Analyst