

**Graduate Council (GC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 12, 2013**

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**I. Chair's Report – Professor Valerie Leppert**

- DivCo (12/3)  
Chair Leppert provided a report on the relevant items of discussion during the DivCo meeting on December 3.
  
- CCGA (12/4)  
Chair Leppert announced that CCGA discussed the changes to academic personnel manual (APM 035, Appendices A-1 and A-2) that will require a mandated training for all graduate students and the Self-Supporting Programs Tuition Policy.
  
- Strategic Focusing Initiative Update  
Chair Leppert reported that all proposals have been reviewed by 3 members of the working group. Feedback will be provided in the near future and the overall summary of the resource needs will be provided to the Campus Space Planning Committee.
  
- UCM Interim Librarian to GC - Graduate Student Oral Examinations List  
GC reviewed the Interim Librarian's notification of the Library's intention to expand the university's print collection through graduate student oral examinations lists (or equivalent) in the Social Sciences and Humanities. In general members were supportive of this initiative. GC noted their appreciation of the efforts of the Library in working to improve the print collection and looks forward to the development of a comprehensive plan (and associated allocation of resources) to expand the print collection across all disciplines on campus.  
**Action:** GC will send response memo to Interim Librarian Donald Barclay.

**II. Consent Calendar**

- The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.
- The November 7 and November 21 Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.
- The CRFs listed below were unanimously approved:
  - ENGR 292- Intellectual Property for Engineers and Scientists
  - PSY 231: Developmental Psychology I
- The revised Applied Mathematics Policies and Procedures submitted on 12/5 were approved as presented.
- The draft memo to DivCo on the Course Buyout Policy 1.0 was approved as presented.
- The draft memo to DivCo on the Library's 2020 Space Plan was approved as presented.
- The draft Graduate Student Appointment Policy was unanimously approved as presented.
- The proposed changes to the Environmental Systems (ES) MS Degree Requirements and PhD Degree Requirements were approved as presented.
- The policies and procedures revisions request memos below were approved as presented:
  - Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS)
  - Mechanical Engineering (ME)
  - World Cultures (WC)

**III. Awards Subcommittee- Chair Sayantani Ghosh**

GC was asked by the Graduate Division to provide feedback on the draft 2014-2015 First Year and Continuing Graduate Fellowship Guidelines. The GC Awards subcommittee reviewed the minor updates and annotated guidelines below:

- First Year Fellowship Guidelines
  - o Chancellors Graduate Fellowship (CGF)
  - o Eugene Cota Robles (ECR) Fellowship
  
- Continuing Student Fellowship Guidelines
  - o Faculty Mentor Program (FMP)
  - o Fletcher Jones Fellowship (FJ)
  - o Miguel Velez Fellowship (MV)
  - o President's Dissertation Year (PDY) Fellowship
  - o Graduate Dean Dissertation Year (GDDY) Fellowship

**Action:** Senate Analyst will forward the annotated fellowship guidelines to the Graduate Division.

**IV. Graduate Regulations**

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. Members reviewed the draft graduate regulations and agreed to review the document via email for full discussion at the January 22 meeting.

**Action:** GC will discuss the draft graduate regulations on January 22.

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

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 implementation of Self-Supporting Degree Programs in response to the 2011 approved policy. Members discussed the draft policy and had the following comments/concerns below.

New policy defines the policy being for professional degree programs only and professional programs are broadly defined. A positive change is that the proposed revisions are able to remove barriers for some online and career students. The proposed changes can be viewed as a step towards privatizing graduate education in the University of California and by others a potential source for additional revenue. Campuses might make money from excess capacity in terms of space within the programs.

Additional questions to consider before implementation:

- Is the new role too broad?
- What scenarios might result in encroachment on academic programs or prioritization of graduate education?

**Action:** Chair Leppert will draft memo and circulate for committee review via email. Member comments will be consolidated for forwarding to the Senate Chair López-Calvo by January 13.

**VI. Joint Program Review Committee Charge**

GC reviewed the draft Program Review Committee Charge and had some minor comments/concerns.

**Action:** GC will send the revised Program Review Charge to UGC and PRC for review.

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

No minutes were recorded for this portion of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Valerie Leppert, Chair

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