

Graduate and Research Council (GRC)
Wednesday, February 1, 2012, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Room 232 Kolligian Library
Meeting materials available on UCMCROPS at:
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AGENDA

- I. **Chair's Report – Professor Will Shadish**
DivCo (2/1)

- II. **Consent Calendar**
 - A. Approval of the Agenda
 - B. Approval of the January 18 Meeting Minutes

- III. **GRC CRF Subcommittee Report**
Professors Carpin, Innes, Johnson

- IV. **Campus Review Items- Credit Hour Policy**

In response to new regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Education, the WASC Commission recently adopted a Credit Hour Policy that the campus needs to address, particularly as adherence to this policy will be reviewed during all future substantive change and accreditation reviews.

Action: Discuss developing a local supplement(s) to SR 760

- V. **MA and MS Requirements**
 - A. 295-299 courses
At its meeting on December 7, GRC discussed clarifying whether graduate research units, the 295-299 series, count towards the 200 series courses. On December 15, GRC sent a memo to the Graduate Groups requesting input due back to GRC on January 17.

 - B. WASC Requirements
WASC currently requires 30 semester units for a master's, or the equivalent. The UC's two plans for master's degrees call for fewer than 30 semester units plus either a thesis or a comprehensive exam. UC Merced requirements should be clear so WASC doesn't think the UC requirements constitute less than 30 units ("or the equivalent"). CCGA is considering this issue.
Action: Discuss how graduate groups are counting units and advise the Graduate Division.

- VI. **Policy for Online and Remote Courses**

CRF committee reviewed the UGC supplemental questions.
Action: Discuss CRF committee recommendations to establish a GRC policy

VII. Chancellor's Fellowship

Action: Review fellowship rankings and determine award list and cut off line.

Informational Items Available on UCMCROPS

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GRC to EVC re: Library data curation (1/23)

GRC to DivCo re: CCGA proposal for Chemistry and Chemical Biology (1/23)

GRC to VCR re: Revisions to the Chancellor's Fellowship Call (1/27)