



**Graduate Council**

November 21, 2017

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Christiane Weirauch, Chair  
Graduate Council

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christiane Weirauch".

Re: Revised Biophysics Proposal

Graduate Council reviewed the revised Biophysics proposal at their November 16, 2017 meeting. The Council is very supportive of this new program but would like clarification on the following items:

- TAsHips – explicitly listing TAAC as a mechanism to secure TAsHips for students in this interdepartmental program is a strength, but it would be good to explore potential buy-in from departments and to mention this in the proposal.
- Please specify the number of required lab rotations in the proposal. This information is useful for students and prevents confusion.
- Section 2.3d: “Students will also be required to complete the Responsible Conduct of Research program provided by the Graduate Division”: it is unclear what this “program” entails, given there is no detail on the corresponding webpage. Please be more specific.
- Professional Development (PD): clarify the last bullet point (“Responsible Conduct of Research program”). As per current catalog copy PD training is explained as “Training typically includes elements of research and professional ethics, grant and professional writing, strategies for success in graduate school and the profession, pedagogy, public speaking, career and job market guidance, and other relevant topics to help students become successful professionals.” The currently listed requirements are integral parts of a graduate program, but PD requirements would ideally address additional training aspects and be more rigorous.