To be received and placed on file:

The Graduate Council met eleven times during the period May 14, 2003 through April 26, 2004. The Administrative Committee of the Council met twice during this same period. Complete records of Council activity are on file in the Office of the Academic Senate.

The Courses and Programs Committee made recommendations and the Council acted on 79 new courses, 54 changes in existing courses, 1 new segment course, and 79 deletions. The Graduate Council acted on requests for changes in requirements for the following graduate programs: Anthropology, Art History, Biology, Biomedical Sciences, Botany & Plant Sciences, Comparative Literature, Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts, Education, Electrical Engineering, English, Entomology, Environmental Toxicology, Genetics, History, Mathematics, Music Physics, Spanish, and Visual Art (please refer to the attachment for synopses of these changes).

Since the last report, the Graduate Council Fellowship Committee has awarded Dissertation Research Grants and one Master’s Research Grant amounting to $12,505.

The reviews of Cell, Molecular and Developmental Biology (3-year review), English, Entomology and Mathematics are still underway. The following program reviews were initiated during the academic year 2003/04: Anthropology, Environmental Sciences (3-year review), and Soil & Water Sciences.

Additionally, the following actions were taken by the Graduate Council:

- At its first meeting of the academic year, the Council adopted a statement regarding possible conflicts of interest by its members.
- The Graduate Council considered and approved a revised order of graduate program reviews.
- The Graduate Council reviewed a revised policy for Tuesday/Thursday lecture courses.
- The Graduate Council reviewed a Graduate Student Life Report.
- The Graduate Council considered and approved an exemption for an Electrical Engineering Master’s degree student.
- The Graduate Council reviewed a new Academic Personnel Policy 390 for Postdoctoral Students.
The Graduate Council reviewed and approved a new graduate proposal for an M.A. and Ph.D. in Religious Studies.

The Graduate Council reviewed and approved a change in name for the UCR Genomics Institute to the UCR Institute for Integrative Genome Biology.

The Graduate Council reviewed and approved a Proposed Endowed Chair Policy.

The Graduate Council reviewed and approved a new graduate proposal for a joint Ed.D. proposal in Education.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a new policy requesting that all items that come forward to the Council for consideration/approval include the date of the faculty meeting where the item was discussed, as well as the faculty vote.

The Graduate Council approved the following program changes during the period May 14, 2003, through April 26, 2004.

**Anthropology**: deletion of unit requirement for the graduate program [03/10/04].

**Art History**: change in admission requirement to admit students in Fall quarter only [12/2/03].

**Biology**: change in the name for the graduate program in “Biology” to “Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology [02/18/04]; changes to degree requirements [03/10/04].

**Biomedical Sciences**: change in teaching requirement [10/16/03].

**Botany and Plant Sciences**: creation of a single Master’s program in Plant Biology; change in course requirements; editorial changes to catalog copy [02/18/04].

**Comparative Literature**: combination of Plan I and Plan II Master’s degree programs, change in course requirements [04/05/04].

**Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts**: change in course requirements [04/05/04].

**Economics**: addition of Economic History field, change in course requirements [04/05/04].

**Education**: clarification of student advisor and committees, changes in written and oral exams, editorial catalog copy changes [06/11/03].

**Electrical Engineering**: deletion of SPEAK test for Master’s degree students [06/11/03].
**English:** change in protocols; deletion of course requirements in proposed exam area [01/21/04].

**Entomology:** change in core curriculum [03/10/04].

**Environmental Toxicology:** addition of ENTX 271 as a required course [12/02/03].

**Genetics (Genetics, Genomics, and Bioinformatics):** name change for the graduate program and the graduate degree title from “Genetics” to “Genetics, Genomics and Bioinformatics” [01/21/04]; changes in course requirements [02/18/04].

**History:** extensive program changes and addition of protocols [05/14/03]; editorial/clarification of changes approved by Graduate Council on 5/14/03 [06/11/03]; change in protocols; addition of Greek 101 as an acceptable designated language course [10/16/03], addition of new plan and option for M.A., replace department qualifying exam with a writing portfolio, change in course requirements, clarification of time to degree for M.A., change in timeline for preparation of preliminary dissertation proposal, editorial changes to general catalog [04/26/04].

**Mathematics:** change in catalog description for MATH 260 and the manner in which it can be counted towards the Masters degree [10/16/03].

**Music:** change in admission requirement to admit students in Fall quarter only [01/21/04].

**Physics:** editorial wording change to catalog copy to change “preliminary examination” to “comprehensive examination” [10/16/03].

**Spanish:** change in course requirements for the Masters degree [03/10/2004].

**Visual Art:** approval of new catalog copy [06/11/03].

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