To be received and placed on file:

The Graduate Council met eight times during the period April 18, 2005 through April 12, 2006. The Administrative Committee of the Council met three times 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 102 new courses and 36 changes in existing courses. In addition, the Graduate Council acted on requests for changes in requirements for the following graduate programs: Art History, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Biomedical Sciences, Cell, Molecular and Developmental Biology, Chemical and Environmental Engineering, Comparative Literature, Education (M.Ed.), History, Mechanical Engineering, Philosophy, Physics, Plant Biology, Political Science, Religious Studies, and Statistics (please refer to the attachment for synopses of these changes).

Since the last report, the Graduate Council Fellowship Committee has awarded Dissertation Research Grants amounting to $13,805.00.

The Graduate Council concluded its regularly scheduled review of the graduate programs in Art History, Anthropology, Cell Molecular and Developmental Biology, and English. The reviews of Environmental Sciences, History, Mechanical Engineering (3-year review), Plant Biology, and Soil & Water Sciences, are still underway. The following program reviews were initiated during the academic year 2005/06: Chemistry, Geological Sciences, Management, Philosophy, Physics, and Political Science.

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 proposal for a new graduate program (M.A.) in Southeast Asian Studies.

The Graduate Council considered and proposed a change to Graduate Council Bylaw GR4.6.1.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a proposal for a new interdepartmental graduate program (M.S/Ph.D.) in Bioengineering.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a change to the Leave of Absence policy that would allow leaves for the purpose of research.
The Graduate Council considered and denied a request from the graduate program in Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts to eliminate the GRE requirement for their program effective Fall 2005.

The Graduate Council considered and denied a request from the department of Political Science to defer their scheduled review for one year.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request from the graduate program in Neuroscience to defer their scheduled review for one year.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a document titled Academic Council Resolution on Restrictions on Research Funding Sources.

The Graduate Council considered and commented on a Draft Policy on Human Subject Injury and draft Guidelines on Implementation.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a policy on Academic Integrity for Students.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a realignment of departments in the Anderson Graduate School of Management.

The Graduate Council considered and commented on an on-line Faculty Evaluation form.

The Graduate Council considered and commented on a Guiding Plan for the Health Sciences Research Institute.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a change in GPA requirement for Teaching Assistants (TAs).

The Graduate Council considered and approved a proposed order of reviews for 2006/07 and 2007/08.

The Graduate Council considered and commented on a Proposed Endowed Daniel Hays Endowed Chair in Cancer Research.

The Graduate Council considered its current charge and voted to add a clause to reflect the 1998 decision of the UC Council of Graduate Deans to assign central responsibility for postdoctoral education to Graduate Councils and Graduate Divisions and to also update the language to render it gender neutral.

The Graduate Council commented on the policy change in H1B visas for postgraduate researchers.

The Graduate Council considered and commented on the Distinguished Campus Service Award.
The Graduate Council considered and commented on the Senatewide Review of Scholarly Communication Papers/Policy.

The Graduate Council considered and commented on the VPUAP job description.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request to establish a new department of Bioengineering.

The Graduate Council approved the following program changes during the period 2005 through 2006.

**Art History**: change in curriculum and course requirements [12/14/05]; change in course requirements [04/12/06].

**Biochemistry and Molecular Biology**: changes to admission requirements; course requirements for the Ph.D., written comprehensive examination, seminar requirements, and editorial changes to both the general catalog and departmental handbook [11/16/05].

**Biomedical Sciences**: changes to course requirements [04/12/06]

**Cell, Molecular and Developmental Biology**: changes to course requirements [06/08/05].

**Chemical and Environmental Engineering**: changes in admission requirements; course requirements for both M.S. and Ph.D.; changes to written preliminary examination; change to oral qualifying examination [06/08/05].

**Comparative Literature**: changes to M.A. course requirements [06/08/05].

**Education (M.Ed.)**: change in application term to Fall quarter only [10/12/05].

**History**: various program changes and addition of departmental protocols [04/12/06].

**Mechanical Engineering**: change in language requirement for international students [01/27/06].

**Philosophy**: changes in admission requirements; course requirements for both M.A. and Ph.D.; changes to Ph.D. language requirement [04/18/06].

**Physics**: changes to existing tracks and addition of two new tracks [02/24/06].

**Plant Biology**: changes to course requirements for the Plant Biology (Plant Genetics) and the Ph.D. in Plant Biology degrees [11/16/05].

**Political Science**: change in application term to Fall quarter only [10/12/05]. Changes to course requirements [04/12/06].
**Religious Studies**: change in application term to Fall quarter only [10/12/05]. New catalog copy [01/27/06].

**Statistics**: changes to course requirements [04/12/06].

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