To be received and placed on file:

The Graduate Council met ten times during the period May 2, 2007 through April 23, 2008. The Administrative Committee of the Council met five times during this same period. Complete records of Council activity are on file in the Office of the Academic Senate.

The Courses and Programs Subcommittee made recommendations and the Council acted on 88 new courses, 94 changes in existing courses, 1 restoration, and 23 deletions. In addition, the Graduate Council acted on requests for changes in requirements for the following graduate programs: Biomedical Sciences, Comparative Literature, Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts, Dance History, Economics, Education, English, Environmental Sciences, Evolution Ecology, and Organismal Biology, History, Physics, Religious Studies, Southeast Asian Studies (please refer to the attachment for synopses of these changes).

Since the last report, the Graduate Council Fellowship Subcommittee has awarded Dissertation Research Grants amounting to $16,200.

The Graduate Council concluded its regularly scheduled review of the graduate programs in Chemistry, Environmental Sciences, Geological Sciences, History, Philosophy, Physics, and Soil & Water Sciences. The following reviews are still underway: Dance; Dance History & Theory, Education, Management, Neuroscience, Political Science, and Statistics. The following program reviews were initiated during the academic year 2007/08: Computer Science, Environmental Toxicology, Music, and Electrical Engineering.

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 to Establish a School of Public Policy.

   The Graduate Council considered and responded to a change in Biomedical Sciences Executive Committee By-laws.
The Graduate Council considered and responded to a student query regarding Academic Senate regulation R.5.1.4.

The Graduate Council considered and approved the combination of the graduate programs in Environmental Sciences and Soil and Water Sciences.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a document titled “Student Freedom of Scholarly Inquiry Principles.”

The Graduate Council considered and supported development of a policy for parental accommodation for graduate students.

The Graduate Council considered and approved the Campus Visa Policy – Report.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request to combine graduate/undergraduate faculty survey for extramural reviews.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request to approve the W. Ruel Johnson and S. Sue Johnson endowed chair for the UCR School of Medicine and the Jacques S. Yeager Endowed Chair in Engineering in the Bourns College of Engineering.

The Graduate Council considered a request from Yolanda Moses, Associate Vice Chancellor to support the Graduate Diversity Summit.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a document titled “The Role of Graduate Students in University Instruction.”

The Graduate Council considered and approved a request from the Office of the President to allow postdocs hired in title Code 3253 to receive health benefits.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a proposal for a new Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Management.

The Graduate Council considered and approved the proposed curriculum for the School of Medicine and the proposal to establish a School of Medicine at UC Riverside.

The Graduate Council considered and provided an analysis of the two reports on graduate student funding prepared by the Childers Ad Hoc Committee on Graduate Education and the Graduate Council Ad Hoc Committee on Graduate Student Funding with Robert Russell as Chair.

The Graduate Council considered and approved Regulation 8 – the policy on classroom disruption.
The Graduate Council considered and responded to a document titled “CCGA/UCEP/ITTP ‘Dialectic’ Paper on Remote/Online Instruction.”

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request from the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs to provide additional information related to the changes to the graduate programs in Environmental Sciences and Soil & Water Sciences.

The Graduate Council approved combined Five-Year BS/MS graduate program proposals for computer Science, Chemical and Environmental Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.

The Graduate Council approved the proposed order for graduate program reviews for 2008/09.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request from the Academic Senate to consider reorganization of the UCR Academic Senate.

The Graduate Council considered and responded the Regent’s Task Force on Diversity Reports.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to the Reconstitution of the UCR A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management (AGSM) and the Transfer of the B.S. degree in Business Administration to AGSM.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a request from the Office of the President to require electronic submission of dissertations to ProQuest for publishing.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a memo from R. L. Russell regarding a change in deadlines for grade submission.

The Graduate Council considered and approved the addition of a “diversity” question to the list of questions routinely distributed to external graduate program reviewers.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a proposal for a new graduate program in Materials Science and Engineering.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a proposal for a new Joint Doctoral Program in Evolutionary Biology between the University of California, Riverside and San Diego State University.
The Graduate Council approved the following program changes during the period May 2, 2007 through April 23, 2008.

**Biomedical Sciences** – change in requirements for the doctoral degree [5/2/07].

**Comparative Literature** – addition of new track in Science Fiction, Science and Literature [6/11/07].

**Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts** – addition of a concentrated residency at the Palm Desert campus [1/23/08].

**Dance History and Theory**: change in language requirement [11/14/07].

**Economics** – addition of a specialized field requirement in Public Economics [2/27/08].

**Education** – addition of an emphasis in Leadership to the M.Ed. program [5/23/07].

**English** – change in admission requirements for students entering the Ph.D. program with an M.A. degree [3/19/07].


**History**: change in exam requirements and protocols [11/14/07].

**Physics**: requirement changes for Astronomy track [4/23/08].


**Soil & Water Sciences/Environmental Sciences**: reorganization of Soil & Water Sciences and Environmental Sciences graduate programs into one combined graduate program in Environmental Sciences [5/23/07].

**Southeast Asian Studies** – addition of a Plan II, Comprehensive Exam option [2/27/08]

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