To be received and placed on file:

The Graduate Council met nine times during the period May 28, 2008 through April 24, 2009. 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 Subcommittee made recommendations and the Council acted on 81 new courses, 79 changes in existing courses, and 9 deletions. In addition, the Graduate Council acted on requests for changes in requirements for the following graduate programs: Bioengineering, Chemistry, Computer Science, Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts, Dance, Education, English, Entomology, Ethnic Studies, Geological Sciences, Management, Music, Neuroscience, Plant Biology, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, Statistics, and Visual Art (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 $23,935.52.

The Graduate Council concluded its regularly scheduled review of the graduate programs in: Computer Science, Environmental Toxicology, Management, and Statistics. The following reviews are still underway: Dance; Dance History & Theory, Education, Electrical Engineering, Music, Neuroscience, Political Science. The following program reviews were initiated during the academic year 2008/09: Comparative Literature, Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology, Mathematics, and Visual Art.

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 approved revised on-line questionnaires for both faculty and students for graduate program reviews.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a proposal from the Academic Senate for reorganization of the UCR Division of the Academic Senate.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request from the Academic Senate to move processing of paper UCR Faculty Course Evaluations to online iEVAL format.
The Graduate Council considered and responded to several issues related to dissertation committees. Issues reviewed include: 1) that the final defense must be passed unanimously; 2) to allow either research series or adjunct faculty to serve as chairs of dissertation committees on an ad hoc basis and only where in those circumstances there is at least one Academic Senate member also serving on the committee; 3) that normally all dissertation committees should have two members from the student’s department and that any exceptions to this policy may be approved by the Graduate Dean.

The Graduate Council discussed the development of a conflict of interest policy for graduate students and mentors who form a company or profit-making endeavor.

The Graduate Council approved the order of reviews for 2009/10.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request to allow inclusion of copies of graduate program reviews in the WASC reaccreditation proposal.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request from the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) to provide their definition of graduate student support.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request form the Academic Senate for a Proposed Variance to Statewide Regulation 810 (A).

The Graduate Council considered and approved a proposal for a combined Five-Year BS/MS degree program in Electrical Engineering.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a proposal for a combined Five-Year BS/MS degree program in Bioengineering.

The Graduate Council considered and approved revised procedures for graduate program reviews.

The Graduate Council considered and approved an A. Gary Anderson Endowed Chair in Finance.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request for changes to the Academic Senate Policy on Academic Integrity.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a proposal for a New Level of Named Chair at UCR.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request to consider the proposed change in the final exam schedule.
The Graduate Council approved the following program changes during the period May 28, 2008 through April 24, 2009.

**Bioengineering**: change in course requirements [5/28/09].

**Chemistry**: various changes to exam and program requirements [5/28/08].

**Comparative Literature** – change in course requirements [10/22/08].

**Computer Science**: changes in course and exam requirements [5/28/08]. Change in course requirements and catalog copy for the Master’s degree [4/24/09].

**Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts** – changes to catalog copy [7/21/08]; editorial changes to catalog copy; change in admission requirements and application quarters; change in course requirements [10/22/08].

**Dance**: changes to degree title – Ph.D. in Dance History and Theory changed to Ph.D. in Critical Dance Studies; MFA in Dance changed to MFA in Experimental Choreography [11/19/08].

**Education**: addition of new M.Ed. emphasis in Higher Education and Autism; change in name and curriculum for Ph.D. in Institutional Leadership and Policy Studies to Education Leadership and Policy; changes in first year course requirements for Ph.D. students; catalog copy changes [5/28/08]; elimination of M.A. option in School Psychology and revised catalog copy for this change [7/2/08]; change in admission requirements for Autism emphasis; new M.Ed. emphasis in Diversity and Equity; change catalog copy [3/18/09].

**English**: changes to protocols [11/19/2009].

**Entomology**: addition of a teaching requirement [12/10/08].

**Ethnic Studies**: approval of catalog copy and changes to admission and course requirements [12/10/08].

**Geological Sciences**: addition of a Global Climate and Environmental Change (GPEC) track and change in catalog copy [5/28/08].

**Management** – change in format of MBA program at the Palm Desert campus. In addition program was changed to be a self-supporting program [10/22/08]. Change in application period from Fall only to Fall, Winter, and Spring [12/10/08].

**Music**: changes in course requirements and addition of catalog copy for the Ph.D. in Music [5/28/08].
Neuroscience – change in course requirements [10/22/08].

Psychology – change in course requirements [10/22/08].

Plant Biology: disestablishment of Plant Biology (Plant Genetics) graduate program; addition of a concentration in Plant Biology (Plant Genetics); change in course requirements [3/18/09].

Political Science: change in course and program requirements [4/24/09].

Psychology: change in course requirements for Social/Personality area [5/28/08].

Religious Studies: change in course requirements [2/28/09].

Statistics: change in admission requirements; editorial changes to master’s degree program description [11/19/2008].

Visual Art: change in course requirements [6/11/08].

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