To be received and placed on file:

The Graduate Council met eleven times during the period of May, 2012 through April 30, 2013. 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 173 Courses; 41 new courses, 101 changes in existing courses and 31 deletions.

The following requests for changes in requirements for graduate programs were reviewed and approved: Anthropology; BIG Program – Bioengineering, Botany and Plant Sciences; Chemistry; Computer Engineering; Computer Science; Creative Writing; Economics; EEOB; Electrical Engineering; Master of Science Program in Engineering; Environmental Sciences; Graduate School of Education - M.Ed. Emphasis in TESOL; Graduate School of Education - MED Education, Higher Education Administration & Policy Curriculum; Revision to Ph.D. in Education, Higher Education Administration and Policy area group curriculum; Music; Plant Biology; Statistics Master's and Ph.D. graduate programs; School of Business Administration (SoBA) - FEMBA (fully employed MBA) to Flex MBA; SoBA holistic admission for professional graduate programs.

The following new programs were reviewed and approved: Computer Engineering BS + Computer Engineering MS Five-Year Combined-Degree Program, and a proposal for a Designated Emphasis in Science Fiction and Technoculture Studies.

The Systemwide Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) approved UCR’s Art History Ph.D. proposal and UCR’s Masters of Finance proposal. Both proposals were approved by Graduate Council and the Academic Senate Riverside Division in 2012-13.

Since the last report, the Graduate Council Fellowship Subcommittee has awarded Dissertation and Master's Thesis Research Grants amounting to $15,000.

The Graduate Council concluded its regularly scheduled review of the graduate programs in: Anthropology, Art History, CMDB (internal review), GGB, History, Mechanical Engineering, Plant Biology, and Sociology (internal review).

Graduate Council discussed the program responses and voted to close out the reviews for graduate programs in: Chemical & Environmental Engineering; Comparative Literature and Foreign Languages; Creative Writing; Economics; and Entomology.

Graduate Council discussed program responses and corresponded with the following graduate programs in an effort to close out their open review: Environmental Sciences, Neuroscience, English, Bioengineering, Biomedical Sciences, Plant Pathology, CMDB, and GGB.
Graduate Council will host a Graduate Program Review Retreat in May, 2013. This Retreat will prepare the programs scheduled for review in 2013-14 for the review process.

Additionally, the following actions were taken by the Graduate Council during 2012-13:

- At its first meeting of the academic year, the Council adopted a statement regarding possible conflicts of interest by its members. (Sept. 2012).
- Updated and approved the Graduate Council Handbook for 2012-13.
- Finalized a draft for a proposal for an Academic Senate procedure for Transfer, Consolidation, or Discontinuance of a Graduate program.
- Policy for Appeals on Candidacy or Qualifying Exams – informed programs that they are required to develop guidelines for appealing candidacy or qualifying exams.
- Policy on review of results of candidacy exams by students – informed programs that the current policy is being revisited, and they should ensure that they are consistent with FERPA.
- Clarifications and modifications were made to the Faculty Biosketch form which programs are required to complete for Graduate Program Reviews.
- A Program Change Form was created and approved by the Graduate Council as a required form that graduate programs must complete to put forth a program change.
- A subcommittee (James Tobias, Chair; David Johnson; and Roland Kawakami) was created to draft a campus policy on student access to qualifying exams and a procedure for appeals.
- CNAS Redesign of Graduate Student Advisors was discussed.
- Graduate Council voted to approve Appendix 7 as written and pass it to Rules and Jurisdiction for final approval.
- Graduate Council worked with Graduate Division to revise the way in which attrition data is currently presented to the Council for graduate program reviews.
- Reviewed and approved a request for credit approval for a BS/MS Mechanical Engineering student.
- Clarified language for Professional Development Requirements which the Graduate Division will communicate to graduate programs.
- Discussed and assigned three committee members (Rene Lysloff, Jingsong Zhang, and Ertem Tuncel) to draft basic guidelines for a Double Ph.D. policy.
- Revised existing language for the policy which allows committee members (for oral exams, thesis defense, etc.) to participate via teleconference or Skype.

- Revised and finalized an Exam Appeals Policy in which Graduate Division will communicate to the campus.

- Reviewed and ruled on a Sociology student grade appeal.

Graduate Council discussed and responded to the following requests for review and input received by Academic Senate Chair Jose Wudka:

- UCR Proposed Academic calendar.


- Proposed Open Access Policy.


- Proposed Changes to Regulations of the Riverside Division R6.3 and R6.4 – Campus Graduation Requirements.


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