To be received and placed on file:

The Graduate Council met eleven times during the period of May, 2013 through May 15, 2014. 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 197 Courses; 49 new courses, 133 changes in existing courses and 15 deletions.

The following requests for changes in requirements for graduate programs were reviewed and approved:

- Sociology curriculum changes
- Mathematics Professional Development requirement and program changes – MA and PhD
- Religious Studies Professional Development requirement
- English – abolishing terminal MA program
- Computer Science – catalog updates; change in admission requirements; Addition of option to obtain Computer Science MS through Comprehensive Exam
- Designated Emphasis in Latin American Studies
- Economics - fixed typo in catalog, addition of research paper, change to oral qualifying exam and dissertation, and addition of course requirement
- Plant Biology – addition of required course for MS and PhD emphasis in Ecology
- GSOE – discontinue type A MA degree in Education; changes to M.Ed. with an emphasis on Reading Curriculum; Changes to M.Ed. with an emphasis on Special Education; removal of Master’s degree requirement for PhD applicants
- GGB – changes to program’s track system
- Mechanical Engineering – changes to graduate program requirement for PhD students to advance to candidacy
- CMDB – addition of fourth course to MS and PhD requirements, and reducing the number of graduate seminar courses for PhD
- Microbiology – change in program requirements (number of required presentations and number of teaching quarters)
- Palm Desert MFA – clarification of full time units being 8, not 12
- Art History – Change in unit and course requirements for MA and PhD
- Statistics – Change in course requirements for incoming students effective Fall 2014; modifications to MS and PhD programs.
- Computer Engineering – Addition of option to obtain MS in Computer Engineering through Comprehensive Exam
- Political Science – change program’s normative time to degree to 6 years
- CHASS Designated Emphases (Book, Archive and Manuscript Studies and Science Fiction and Technoculture Studies) request for adjustment to requirements
The following new programs were reviewed and approved: Masters of Public Policy.

The Systemwide Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) approved UCR’s Masters of Public Policy on March 5, 2014.

Since the last report, the Graduate Council Fellowship Subcommittee met three times to evaluate the following:

1) Dissertation/Master’s Thesis Research grant applications. The subcommittee awarded 22 Dissertation and Master’s Thesis Research Grants amounting to $12,752. The funding rate is 88% of the applications and 60% of the requested funds.

2) Earle C. Anthony Travel award applications. The subcommittee awarded 24 Travel awards amounting to $15,000. The funding rate is 92% of the applications and 32% of the requested funds.

3) In March, 2014 the subcommittee reviewed a total of 171 applications and provided rankings to the Graduate Division Dean for the following:
   a) Graduate Division Graduate Research Mentorship Program (GRMP) – 53 applications
   b) Dissertation-Year Programs (DYP) Fellowship Program – 118 applications

4) In May, 2014 the subcommittee reviewed five nominees for the 2014 Doctoral Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award and selected one recipient, Professor of Chemical/Environmental Engineering, Ashok Mulchandani.

The Graduate Council concluded its regularly scheduled review of the graduate programs in: Chemistry, Ethnic Studies (internal review), Geological Sciences, Philosophy, Physics, and Political Science.

Graduate Council discussed the program responses, corresponded with, and voted to close out the reviews for the following 13 graduate programs: Plant Pathology (reviewed 2010/11); Neuroscience (reviewed 2010/11); Biomedical Sciences (reviewed 2011/12); English (reviewed 2011/12); Bioengineering (reviewed 2011/12); CMDB (reviewed 2012/13); Mechanical Engineering (reviewed 2012/13); Anthropology (reviewed 2012/13); Plant Biology (reviewed 2012/13); History (reviewed 2012/13); Ethnic Studies (reviewed 2013/14); Art History (reviewed 2012/13); Philosophy (reviewed 2013/14).

Graduate Council hosted two Graduate Program Review Retreats in February and March, 2014. The purpose of the Retreats were to prepare the programs scheduled for review in 2014/15 for the review process. Retreats will be held each Spring for programs being reviewed the following academic year.

Additionally, the following actions were taken by the Graduate Council during 2013/14:

- At its first meeting of the academic year, the Council adopted a statement regarding possible conflicts of interest by its members. (Sept. 2013).
- Updated and approved the Graduate Council Handbook for 2013-14.
- Made revisions to Graduate Council Bylaws.
- Adopted a Graduate Council attendance and participation policy.
- Created an iLearn site to share files and committee updates.
- Began discussions with CEP about creating a policy for online education.
- Reviewed and ruled on a graduate student grade appeal.
- Convened a task force for the graduate program in Environmental Sciences, in conjunction with the Dean of the Graduate Division, as a result of the program's 2011/12 graduate program review.

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

- Proposal for a Master's of Public Policy Degree in the School of Public Policy
- Proposed Revised Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs Policy
- Proposed Policy on Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST)
- Department Name Change Proposals
- Creation of Joint Administrative Senate Committee for Summer Session
- UCR Libraries Strategic Plan – Draft
- Review of proposed bylaw change
- Proposed Compendium Revisions

Two members of Graduate Council (Bell and Redak) attended a systemwide daylong meeting at UC Irvine on April 15, 2014. Provost Aimee Dorr convened the meeting at the behest of President Napolitano so that representatives from all campuses could review and discuss best practices for future graduate education at the University of California. Several outcomes of discussions will be raised with the UC Regents at their upcoming July meeting.
Professors Ashmore and Baker agreed to share the role of serving on the Library, Information Technology and Scholarly Communication (LITSC) subcommittee tasked with advising the Librarian through the implementation of the strategic plan for the UCR Libraries.

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