The Graduate Council met ten times during the period of September, 2014 through July, 2015. 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 69 Courses; 28 new courses, 26 changes in existing courses and 15 deletions.

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

- Anthropology – Changes to Doctoral degree
- SoBA/M.Fin. – Changes to curriculum
- Southeast Asian Studies – Change in description of concurrent PhD enrollment and length of Master’s thesis
- Online M.S. in Engineering – Admission assessment
- Computer Engineering – Adding courses students can take in Computer Science or Electrical Engineering to satisfy technical elective unit requirement
- SoBA/Flex MBA – Change in course requirements so they are identical to the full-time MBA degree requirements
- Computer Science & Engineering – Change to graduate requirements; renumbering courses
- Statistics – Changes to M.S.
- Statistics – Changes to PhD
- Geological Sciences – Change to program’s advancement to candidacy
- Dance – Addition to course requirements
- School of Public Policy – Addition of course requirements
- Computer Engineering – Degree options change
- Online M.S. in Engineering – Addition of specializations to catalog
- Biomedical Sciences – New Designated Emphases
- Plant Pathology – M.S. & PhD changes
- English – Change to language requirement to include proficiency in American sign language as an option
- Dance MFA – Changes to MFA requirement
- Art History – Change to incorporate a sixth-quarter review for PhD students
- Geological Sciences – Change to course work requirements
- Creative Writing & Writing for the Performing Arts – Change in thesis page
- Online M.S. in Engineering – Changes to specializations
- GGB – Addition of elective course
- Mathematics – Change in qualifying exams
- Middle Eastern Islamic Studies Designated Emphasis – Change to allow double counting courses with MEIS content between DE & PhD
- CMDB – Professional Development addition in catalog
- Plant Biology – Combining two MS degree offers into one
- Economics – Limits on field exams – PhD
- Economics – Core GPA requirement – PhD
- Bioengineering – Enhancing the list of approved bioscience graduate courses
Special Requests and Exceptions:

- Online M.S. in Engineering – Open admissions for all quarters of academic year
- Computer Science – Permanently close admissions period for Winter and Spring quarters.

The Graduate Council Fellowship Subcommittee met three times to evaluate the following:

1) Dissertation/Master’s Thesis Research grant applications. The subcommittee awarded 16 Dissertation and Master’s Thesis Research Grants amounting to $12,581.42. The funding rate is 84% of the applications and 79% of the requested funds.

2) Earle C. Anthony Travel award applications. The subcommittee awarded 13 Travel awards amounting to $13,101.54. The funding rate is 93% of the applications and 73% of the requested funds.

3) In March, 2015 the subcommittee reviewed a total of 163 applications and provided rankings to the Graduate Division Dean for the following:
   - a) Graduate Division Graduate Research Mentorship Program (GRMP) – 59 applications
   - b) Dissertation-Year Programs (DYP) Fellowship Program – 104 applications

4) In May, 2015 the subcommittee reviewed 11 nominees for the 2015 Doctoral Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award and selected one recipient, Professor of Mathematics, Vyjayanthi Chari.

The Graduate Council concluded its regularly scheduled review of the graduate programs in: Dance, Education, Management (internal review of the PhD), and Statistics.

Graduate Council discussed the program responses, corresponded with, and voted to close out the reviews for the following seven graduate programs: Environmental Sciences (reviewed 2011/12); Chemistry (reviewed 2013/14), Geological Sciences (reviewed 2013/14), Dance (reviewed 2014/15), Education (reviewed 2014/15), Management PhD (reviewed 2014/15), and Statistics (reviewed 2014/15).

Graduate Council hosted a Graduate Program Review Retreat in the Spring. The purpose of the Retreat is to prepare the programs scheduled for review in 2015/16 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 2014/15:

- At its first meeting of the academic year, the Council adopted a statement regarding possible conflicts of interest by its members. (Sept. 2014).
- Created a policy on graduate program catalog entry which specifies items each graduate program must have listed in the catalog.
- Created and approved a Grade Appeal Form.
- Created Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for programs undergoing a graduate program review. FAQs include guidelines for programs to follow and will be posted and distributed to all programs as reviews occur.
• Created Annual Research Progress Evaluation (ARPE) forms for STEM as well as Humanities. Programs will be asked to complete forms annually. Graduate Division will go over the forms with programs in the Fall.

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

• Program of Graduate Studies in Global Health for the Master of Science Degree (MS-GH)
• Doctoral Student Support Proposals and Recommendations
• Request for systemwide review of proposed amendments to SR 682
• Proposed new UC policy on Open Access
• CNAS Teaching Load Policy
• Merge of campus colleges proposal
• Systemwide Senate review – Proposed amendments to Sente Bylaw 182 – University Committee on International Education
• Draft guidelines for pilot program to accept equity for access to university facilities or services

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