

**GRADUATE COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION  
December 5, 2017**

**To be received and placed on file:**

The Graduate Council met ten times during the period of September 2016 through June 2017. 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 147 courses; 61 new courses, 55 changed courses, and 31 deleted courses.

Requests for changes in requirements for graduate programs were reviewed and approved for the following programs:

- MSOL catalog updates (2)
- History – change to M.A.
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology – change to program requirements
- SPP program change
- Proposed change to SOBA PhD curriculum
- CMDB – addition of professional development requirements, updating coursework in catalog, adding teaching requirement
- Statistics (3)
- GSOE catalog updates
- GSOE MEd program revision
- Computer Science catalog updates (2)
- Economics (2)
- Middle East & Islamic Studies Designated Emphasis
- Music PhD
- Psychology
- GSOE MEd General Education
- GSOE MA and PhD in Education (2)
- SoBA – changes to MPAC
- SPP – Designated Emphasis
- Computer Engineering catalog change (2)
- Southeast Asian Studies DE
- Mechanical Engineering PhD
- Microbiology
- Plant Biology
- Plant Pathology
- School of Public Policy
- GSOE – MEd emphasis change (ABA)
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Entomology
- SPP – MPP Program Change
- Art History
- SEAS DE Update
- SEAS Master's

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

- 1) Dissertation/Master's Thesis Research grant applications. The subcommittee reviewed 21 Dissertation and Master's Thesis Research Grants and awarded 11 amounting to \$9292.90. The funding rate is 52% of the applications and 67% of the requested funds. Seven applicants who were not given DRG awards instead received awards (\$6780 in total out of \$6780 requested) made from a separate funding source, leaving them eligible for Dissertation Research Grants in the future.
- 2) Earle C. Anthony Travel award applications. The subcommittee awarded 12 Travel awards amounting to \$12, 596.00. The funding rate is 75% of the eligible applications and 43% of the requested funds.
- 3) In March 2017 the subcommittee reviewed a total of 204 applications and provided rankings to the Graduate Division Dean for the following:
  - a) Graduate Division Graduate Research Mentorship Program (GRMP) –74 applications
  - b) Dissertation-Year Programs (DYP) Fellowship Program – 130 applications
- 4) In May 2017, the subcommittee reviewed 16 nominees for the 2017 Doctoral Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award and selected one recipient, Professor of Entomology, Christiane Weirauch.

The Graduate Council concluded its regularly scheduled review of the graduate programs in Comparative Literature & Foreign Languages; EEOB; Electrical Engineering; Environmental Toxicology; Mathematics; Music; and Sociology.

Graduate Council discussed the program responses, corresponded with, and voted to close out the reviews for the following seven graduate programs: Comparative Literature & Foreign Languages; Music; Sociology; Environmental Toxicology; EEOB; Mathematics; and Electrical Engineering, all reviewed in 2016/17.

Graduate Council hosted two Graduate Program Review Retreats in the Spring. The purpose of the Retreats are to prepare the programs scheduled for review in 2017/18 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 2016/17:

- At its first meeting of the academic year, the Council adopted a statement regarding possible conflicts of interest by its members. (Sept. 2016).
- Updated and approved the Graduate Council Handbook for 2016-17.
- Revisions to Graduate Academic Integrity Committee (GAIC) bylaws
- Provided feedback to the administration regarding the Graduate Division Dean search candidate

- Addressed the issue of graduate students not being able to access unofficial transcripts with the campus Registrar.
- Reviewed and changed current bylaws, catalog copy, and practices regarding S/NC grading for graduate students.
- Voiced an opinion to the administration regarding the timing of changes to funding for graduate education.
- Reviewed data needs for graduate program reviews and communicated these needs to the Office of Institutional Research.

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

- Request for name change for the School of Business Administration (SOBA)
- Proposed Changes to GSOE Bylaws 1.1 to 5.1.1
- New Master's Degree in Supply Chain and Logistics Management
- Proposed Presidential Policy on Export Controls
- Department Name Change Request for the Department of Comparative Literature & Foreign Languages
- Proposed Transfer of the Public Policy major from CHASS to SPP
- Draft Presidential Policy
- Department Name Change Request for the Department of Plant Pathology & Microbiology
- Department Name Change Request for the Department of Biology
- Department Name Change Request for the Department of Cell Biology & Neuroscience
- Campus Guidelines regarding including specializations on UCR diplomas
- Proposal for a new graduate program in Biophysics
- Proposed revised PDST policy
- APM Revision second review of revisions to APM 278 & APM 210-6 Health Science Clinical Professor Series

- Request from the Special Committee regarding the Provost
- SoBA Bylaw Change
- Teaching Credit for Faculty-led internship courses
- Proposed changes to the charge of GSOE Executive Committee Bylaw E4.3 and E4.4
- School of Medicine bylaw change

Respectfully Submitted,

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