To be received and placed on file:

The Graduate Council met ten times during the period June 9, 1997 through May 4, 1998. The Administrative Committee of the Council met twice during this same period. Complete records of Council activity are on file in the Office of the Academic Senate.

The Courses and Programs Committee made recommendations and the Council acted on 34 new courses, 73 changes in existing courses, 5 segment courses, 12 deletions and 3 restorations. The Graduate Council acted on requests for changes in requirements for the following graduate programs: Comparative Literature, Economics, History, Physics, Psychology, Sociology, Soil & Environmental Sciences and Spanish (please refer to the attachment for synopses of these changes.)

To date, the Graduate Council Fellowship Committee has awarded 12 Dissertation Research Grants amounting to $9350. Additionally, the Graduate Division reports that 225 fellowship offers were made to outstanding admitted doctoral students on a first-come-first-serve basis; 99 of these have been accepted with 11 offers currently outstanding. In the area of Diversity, 17 fellowship awards were made to outstanding continuing doctoral students.

The Graduate Council concluded its regularly scheduled reviews of the graduate programs in Anthropology, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, English and Physics. The reviews of Biology, GSM and History are still underway. The following program reviews were initiated during the academic year 1997/98: Computer Science, Education, Political Science and Statistics.

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 considered and approved a revised order of reviews.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a new program proposal for M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Chemical and Environmental Engineering.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a new program proposal for M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in an Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Neuroscience.
The Graduate Council considered and approved a new program proposal for M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in an Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Cell, Molecular and Developmental Biology.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request from the Academic Senate to consider a proposal for a center for Archaeology and Paleontology.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request from the Academic Senate to consider a proposal for a center for Research in Intelligent Systems (cRIS).

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request from the Academic Senate to consider a proposal for the establishment of a Center for Conservation Biology.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request from the Academic Senate to consider a document titled Post Baccalaureate Study.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request from the Academic Senate to consider a department name change from the department of Soil & Environmental Sciences to the Department of Environmental Sciences.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request from the Academic Senate to consider a department name change from the Department of Computer Science to the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

The Council considered and responded to a request from the Academic Senate to consider a name change for the Department of Spanish to the Department of Hispanic Studies.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request from the department of Philosophy to postpone their regularly scheduled program review for one year.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a new set of procedures for 3rd year progress reports/reviews of newly approved graduate programs.
The Graduate Council approved the following program changes during the period June 9, 1997 through May 4, 1998.

**Comparative Literature:** Change in required courses for both M.A. and Ph.D. degrees [03/09/98].

**Economics:** Change in requirements and timing of comprehensive examination [04/08/98]. Addition of International Trade Theory field [05/04/98].

**History:** Changes in Masters program include: selection of faculty advisor, additional Oral History course added to courses available to satisfy methodology course requirement, method of satisfying foreign language requirement, timing of masters qualifying examination, regulations governing chair of masters oral comprehensive examination. Changes in Ph.D. program include: change in field designations, regulations governing chair of Ph.D. oral examination and dissertation committee, addition of historical methods requirement [05/04/98].

**Physics:** Change in administration and procedures of comprehensive exam; change in number of required courses for Ph.D.; change in timing for selection of a research advisor [02/11/98].

**Psychology:** Change in options available to satisfy breadth requirement [11/06/97].

**Sociology:** Change in number of required seminars [03/09/98].

**Spanish:** Renovation of M.A. and Ph.D. programs [03/09/98].

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