To be received and placed on file:

The Graduate Council met 17 times during the period May 17, 2000 through April 17, 2001. 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 53 new courses, 27 changes in existing courses, 6 segment courses, 4 deletions, 1 restoration and 4 renumberings. The Graduate Council acted on requests for changes in requirements for the following graduate programs: Botany & Plant Sciences, Chemistry, Dance, Electrical Engineering, Genetics, Geological Sciences, History, Neuroscience, Philosophy, Psychology, Soil and Water Sciences (please refer to the attachment for synopses of these changes).

To date, the Graduate Council Fellowship Committee has awarded 26 Dissertation Research Grants amounting to $21,695.72.

The reviews of Biochemistry, Comparative Literature, Dance History & Theory, Environmental Toxicology, Mathematics, and Music are still underway. The following program reviews were initiated during the academic year 2000/01: Sociology, Psychology and a 3-year review of Electrical Engineering.

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 one petition for a grade appeal from a student in Economics.

The Graduate Council considered a Draft Agreement between the departments of Statistics at Loma Linda University and UC Riverside.

The Graduate Council considered and responded to a request from the department of Biochemistry to substitute certain course requirements for BCH 230 for one quarter only.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a revised set of procedures for New Graduate Program Proposal Review Process.
The Graduate Council considered and approved a new program proposal for an M.S. and Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a new program proposal for an MFA in Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a new program proposal for an M.Ed. in Education.

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

The Graduate Council considered and commented on a Proposal to Establish the Institute for Research on World-Systems as an organized Research Unit (ORU).

The Graduate Council considered and approved new catalog copy for the MFA degree in Dance.

The Graduate Council considered and approved a change in policy to allow the posting of graduate degrees with an “I” grade on the transcript as long as the individual is continuing as a student in the following quarter.

In addition, the Council met three times with the Executive Vice Chancellor to discuss the reorganization of the Graduate Division with the Office of Research Affairs and the proposed devolvement of Graduate Division responsibilities and duties to the various colleges/schools on campus.

The Graduate Council approved the following program changes during the period May 17, 2000 through April 17, 2001.

**Botany & Plant Sciences:** change in Ph.D. degree titles from Botany to Plant Biology and from Botany (Plant Genetics) to Plant Biology (Plant Genetics) [10/20/00]. Change in admission requirements for Ph.D.; addition of track in Cell, Molecular and Developmental Biology within Ph.D. in Plant Biology only [03/02/01].

**Chemistry:** changes in course requirements for Masters degree [05/17/00]; clarification of teaching and seminar requirements [07/13/00]; changes in course requirements for inorganic chemistry [11/17/00].

**Computer Science:** changes in degree requirements for both Masters and Ph.D. degrees [02/02/01].

**Dance History & Theory:** change in course requirements [04/17/01].
Electrical Engineering: changes in catalog text, Graduate Student Manual and addition of SPEAK test as a degree requirement [10/20/00]

Genetics: approved new track in Genomics/Bioinformatics [03/02/01].

Geological Sciences: replacement of Ph.D. language requirement with written research proposal [05/17/00].

History: addition of Public History, Greek and Roman History to “additional fields” for Ph.D.; realignment of British history in “research” and “additional” fields for Masters students [02/02/01].

Neuroscience: change in Ph.D. course requirements [06/07/00].

Philosophy: change in grade requirement for master’s degree courses [04/17/01]

Psychology: change in qualifying examination for Developmental Psychology specialty [03/02/01].

Soil and Water Sciences: change in course requirements [06/07/00].

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