

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
December 4, 2018**

To be received and placed on file:

The Graduate Council met ten times during the period of September 2017 through June 2018. 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 139 courses; 60 new courses, 61 changed courses, and 18 deleted courses.

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

- MSOL catalog updates (4)
- Mathematics (2)
- English
- Dance
- Biomedical Sciences
- GSOE (8)
- EEOB
- Chemical & Environmental Engineering
- Philosophy
- Business (2)
- School of Public Policy (3)
- Environmental Toxicology
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Environmental Sciences
- Geological Sciences
- Genetics, Genomics & Bioinformatics
- Plant Biology
- Neuroscience
- Psychology

The Graduate Council reviewed several UNEX course, instructor and certificate program proposals.

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

- 1) Dissertation/Master's Thesis Research grant applications. The subcommittee reviewed 23 Dissertation and Master's Thesis Research Grants and awarded 15 amounting to \$10,633.08. The awarded amount is about 50% of the requested total amount.
- 2) Earle C. Anthony Travel award applications. The subcommittee reviewed 20 applications and awarded 17 Travel awards amounting to \$7,615.00.
- 3) In March 2018 the subcommittee reviewed a total of 144 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 – 91 applications
- 4) In May 2018, the subcommittee reviewed 18 nominees for the 2018 Doctoral Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award and selected one recipient, Asst. Professor of English, Stephen Hong Sohn.
- 5) The subcommittee reviewed and approved one Master's Thesis Research Grant (MTRG) in the amount of \$500.00.

The Graduate Council concluded its regularly scheduled review of the graduate programs in Art History (internal review of PhD), Chemical & Environmental Engineering, Creative Writing & Writing for the Performing Arts (on-campus program), Economics, Plant Pathology, Psychology, and Visual Arts.

Graduate Council discussed the program responses, corresponded with, and voted to close out four of the reviews for the following graduate programs: Art History PhD, Chemical & Environmental Engineering, Plant Pathology, and Psychology, all reviewed in 2017/18. The Graduate Council also voted to close out the review of Mathematics which was conducted 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 2018/19 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 2017/18:

- At its first meeting of the academic year, the Council adopted a statement regarding possible conflicts of interest by its members. (Sept. 2017).
- Updated and approved the Graduate Council Handbook for 2017-18.
- Provided feedback on the draft WASC report to the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education.
- Made multiple revisions to campus Graduate Regulation (GR) 1.6 – Professional Development Requirement for Graduate Students and forwarded the expanded version to the Division for final approval.
- Addressed the issue of inequities across colleges regarding some faculty not receiving teaching credit for teaching required professional development courses.
- Reviewed a request to waive the 3.0 core GPA requirement in the MBA program.
- Discussed assessment of graduate student learning with the Graduate Dean as it relates to the campus' WASC accreditation.

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

- Revised proposal for a new graduate program in Biophysics
- Draft WASC Institutional Report
- Change to Campus Guidelines: Proposed Changes to Guidelines for Remote Learning Courses
- Bylaw Change Revised - Proposed Changes to GSOE Bylaws 1.1 to 5.1.1
- Report Review Sustainability Ad Hoc
- Open Access 2020
- Revisions to UCR Appendix 7
- Consultation: Cluster Hiring Initiative: Status & Future Plans
- Proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations
- Proposed Revised APM Sections: 285, 210-3, 133, 740, 135 and 235 – second review
- New Master's Degree in Supply Chain and Logistics Management (MSCLM) – revised proposal
- Proposed Changes to Riverside Division Regulations R1.4, R1.4.1, R1.4.2
- Proposed Changes to Committee on Courses General Rules & Policies Governing Courses of Instruction
- Joint Entomology BS/Entomology MS Five-Year Combined-Degree Program
- UCR 5-Year Planning Perspectives 2018-2023
- Proposed Presidential Policy on Disclosure of Financial Interests and Management of COI in Private Sponsors of Research and Revised APM – 028
- Proposed Regulations: School of Public Policy Regulations
- Proposed Degree Program: Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSiBA)

- Proposed Regulation Change: (2nd Round) Riverside Regulations R1.4, R1.4.1, R1.4.2 (Grading System)

Respectfully Submitted,

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