

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
December 3, 2019**

To be received and placed on file:

The Graduate Council met ten times during the period of September 2018 through June 2019. 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 142 courses; 40 new courses, 69 changed courses, and 33 deleted courses.

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

- Economics
- MSOL (2)
- Sociology
- English (2)
- Music
- Psychology (2)
- Joint Doctoral Program in Evolutionary Biology (SDSU)
- GSOE (3)
- School of Business (5)
- Entomology
- Creative Writing & Writing for the Performing Arts
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Microbiology & Plant Pathology
- Religious Studies
- Biophysics
- Computer Science & Engineering
- Political Science
- Physics & Astronomy
- Statistics
- Master's in Public Policy

The Graduate Council reviewed a UNEX certificate program proposal.

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

- 1) Dissertation/Master's Thesis Research grant applications. The subcommittee reviewed 62 Dissertation and Master's Thesis Research Grants and awarded 15 amounting to \$11,633.80. The number of applications received and reviewed represents a 2.5-fold increase from the previous year.
- 2) Earle C. Anthony Travel award applications. The subcommittee reviewed 63 applications and awarded 14 Travel awards amounting to \$14,249. This represents a 3-fold increase in applications and twice the amount awarded than in 2017/18.

- 3) In March 2019 the subcommittee reviewed a total of 41 applications and provided rankings to the Graduate Division Dean for the following:
 - a) Graduate Division Graduate Research Mentorship Program (GRMP) – 13 applications
 - b) Dissertation-Year Programs (DYP) Fellowship Program – 28 applications

6 competitive DYPs were awarded, 3 of them were allocated as DYFAs. 13 GRMPs were awarded. In addition, 93 quarters of DYPs were allocated to programs. DYPs and GRMPs awards amounted to \$1,468,001 supporting 102 students for 124 quarters in their 3-7 years of PhD.
- 4) In May 2019, the subcommittee reviewed 11 nominees for the 2019 Doctoral Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award and selected one recipient, Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering, Amit Roy Chowdhury.

The Graduate Council concluded its regularly scheduled review of the MBA graduate program as well as internal reviews of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Bioengineering, Computer Engineering, Creative Writing & Writing for the Performing Arts Low Residency program (Palm Desert), Master of Finance, Master of Professional Accountancy, Master of Science in Engineering (online), and Professional MBA.

Graduate Council discussed the program responses, corresponded with, and voted to close out three of the reviews conducted in 2018/19 for the following graduate programs: Computer Engineering, Creative Writing & Writing for the Performing Arts Low Residency program (Palm Desert), and Bioengineering.

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 2019/20 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 2018/19:

- At its first meeting of the academic year, the Council adopted a statement regarding possible conflicts of interest by its members. (Sept. 2018).
- Provided feedback on the draft Research Integrity and the Responsible Conduct of Research checklist.
- Reviewed, suggested modifications, and approved Graduate Regulation 1.2 – Standards of Scholarship and Disqualification.
- Worked with Planning & Budget to draft and finalize a memo to administration regarding self-supporting programs on campus.
- Reviewed and ruled on a research integrity appeal.
- Select Graduate Council members met with WASC representatives during their visit to campus in the Fall.

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

- School of Business Bylaw change
- School of Public Policy regulations
- Extension of Exception to APM 275-16-f(3) Restrictions: 1/6 Limitation on Appointment to Professor of Clinical X Series
- Transfer of BS Degree in Business Administration to the School of Business
- Proposed UCR Long Term Academic Calendar
- Department name change – Earth Sciences
- Thoughts on UCR Strategic Plan
- Transfer of and Changes to LGBT Studies Minor
- Proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations
- Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 336
- WASC Commission Action Letter and Report and UCR Response
- Proposed UC Transfer Admission Guarantee
- Provost's Taskforce for Online Education – Final Report
- UC Center Sacramento – report review
- Proposed Degree Program – Master of Science in Business Analytics (3rd round)
- Proposed Degree Program – Master of Science in Business Analytics (2nd round)
- Revised Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence & Sexual Harassment (SVSH)
- Joint BA-MPP 5-year Degree Program – Public Policy

- Proposed Revisions to SVSH Academic Frameworks

Respectfully Submitted,

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Hyle Park, Bioengineering, Vice Chair & CCGA Representative
Subramanian Balachander, Business
Meng Chen, Botany & Plant Sciences
John Ellison, Physics & Astronomy
Josh Emmons, Creative Writing
Byron Ford, School of Medicine, Fellowships Subcommittee Chair
Denver Graninger, History
Jang-ting Guo, Economics, Courses & Programs Subcommittee Chair
Erith Jaffe-Berg, Theatre, Film & Digital Production
Eamonn Keogh, Computer Science & Engineering
John Kim, Comparative Literature & Languages, Secretary
Amanda Lucia, Religious Studies
Khaleel Razak, Psychology
Weixin Yao, Statistics
Shaun Bowler, Graduate Dean (ex-officio)
Siddharth Agarwal, Graduate Student Representative (guest)
Shawn Ragan, Graduate Student Representative (guest)