To the Faculty Legislature, Santa Barbara Division:

Graduate Council met for fourteen regularly scheduled two-hour sessions during the 2012-13 term.

**Executive Summary**

The Graduate Council’s purpose is to set standards for and policy on graduate education; to ensure the viability and quality of graduate programs, and to provide advice and consent on all matters of policy, planning, programs, and practice that impact the quality and diversity of UCSB’s graduate students and their educational experience.

The Graduate Council discussed and took action on a variety of key issues during the 2012-13 term, among them:

- The proposal to establish a Master in Technology Management
- The proposal to establish a doctoral program in Global Studies
- The proposed Open Access Policy
- UCSB’s Reaccreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

**I. Graduate Course Requests**

Graduate Council authorizes, supervises, and regulates all graduate courses except such courses exempted by action of the Regents. During the period between 7/1/2012 and 6/30/2013, Council processed a total of 393 course requests: approximately 40% were requests for new courses; 14% were course modifications; and 46% were course discontinuations.

**II. Review of Academic Programs**

Graduate Council participated in the Academic Program Reviews of the following departments and programs in the 2012-13 term: Art; Counseling, Clinical, and School Psychology; and Earth Science.

Graduate Council also participated in the external review of the Joint Doctoral Program in Geography with San Diego State University.


**III. Proposals for New Programs, Emphases, Research Units, and International Agreements**
• Approved the proposal to establish an Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Emphasis in Writing Studies
• Approved the proposal to establish a Master in Technology Management and endorsed the proposal to establish the Technology Management Program as an academic unit
• Approved the proposal to establish a doctoral program in Global Studies
• Approved the proposal to establish an Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Emphasis in Bioengineering
• Endorsed the proposal for a Digital Games Center
• Endorsed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between UCSB and the RWTH Aachen University, Germany
• Endorsed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between UCSB’s Gevirtz Graduate School of Education and VIA University College in Denmark

IV. Name Changes

• Approved the Name Change for the M.S. and Ph.D. in Geological Sciences to Earth Science

V. Changes to Existing Programs

• Requested additional information on the proposal for changes to the M.A. in Latin American and Iberian Studies
• Approved the proposal for changes to the degree requirements for the Ph.D. in Computer Science
• Approved the proposal from the Department of Feminist Studies to join the Ph.D. Emphasis in Global Studies
• Approved the request to eliminate the emphases within the Master’s degrees in Media Arts and Technology (M.A. and M.S.) and to suspend admissions to the M.A.
• Endorsed the renewal of the Working Agreement Between UCSB and the University of Iceland
• Approved the discontinuation of the M.S. in Geophysics
• Approved the proposal to discontinue the academic programs and endorsed the proposal to disestablish the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences
• Approved the proposal to change the minimum grade requirement for in the Master of Fine Arts program in Art
• Approved the proposed changes to the M.A. and Ph.D. in Music with an Emphasis in Composition
• Approved the proposal for the Department of Communication to join the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Emphasis in Language, Interaction, and Social Organization
• Approved the proposed changes to the Ph.D. requirements for the Department of Counseling, Clinical, and School Psychology
• Approved the proposal to discontinue the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Emphasis in Human Development
• Approved the proposal for changes to the Ph.D. in Psychology
• Approved the proposal for changes to the graduate program in Chemistry and Biochemistry
• Approved the proposal for changes to the research progress report submission policy for the graduate program in Chemical Engineering
• Approved the proposal from the Department of Film and Media Studies to change its course subject code from FILM to FAMST
• Deferred the request to change Santa Barbara Regulation 350D.2 and 300B.1. until Fall Quarter 2013

VI. Student Petitions

Graduate Council did not receive any student petitions for review in 2012-13.

VII. Local Issues

Proposal to Allow Registration in Any Summer Session to be Eligible for Degree Conferral

Graduate Division presented a proposal to the Graduate Council to allow registration in any summer session to be eligible for degree conferral. In the past, students must have been registered for a minimum of four units during a six-week summer session in order to finish the requirements for their degree and have the degree awarded. The policy did not cover the additional three-week sessions that are now part of summer quarter. Since courses are offered within all of the summer sessions (A-G), a student may need to enroll in a three-week session to fulfill a degree requirement. In addition, some students would prefer to enroll in the last three-week session of the summer, when they are confident that their degree requirements will be completed by the end of the quarter. The Council agreed that the proposed change would provide more flexibility for students and unanimously voted to approve it.

Proposed Policy for Scheduling Courses within the Academic Curriculum

Graduate Council reviewed the Proposed Policy for Scheduling Courses within the Academic Curriculum, which was designed to clarify and formalize campus scheduling practices. The proposed policy aimed to alleviate compression in scheduling, therefore making courses more accessible to students, as well as optimize the use of classroom facilities, and increase pedagogical flexibility. The Council unanimously voted to endorse the proposed policy.

Proposed Revisions to APM 015 – Faculty Code of Conduct

Graduate Council opted not to opine on this issue.

Student Initiated Democratic Education (SIDE) Program Proposal

Graduate Council opted not to opine on this issue.
Graduate Student Support

The issue of graduate student funding was an area of critical concern for the Graduate Council during the 2012-13 term. Graduate students are essential to the University’s mission of research, teaching, and public service, and we cannot hope to enhance, or even maintain, the excellence of our programs without a continued investment in increased funding for academic graduate students.

One of the Council’s chief concerns in this area is the reduction of graduate student support for existing programs as new graduate programs are added in focused areas of excellence. The Council feels strongly that all new graduate programs include the commitment of a permanent funding increase for block grant and fellowships, which is in line with the expectations for other campus resources, such as Library funding and staff support.

The Academic Senate Chair and Graduate Council Chair addressed these issues, among others, in a memorandum to Executive Vice Chancellor (EVC) Lucas in April. EVC Lucas responded to the Senate’s concerns, and also met with the Graduate Dean and Graduate Council Chair in early summer to discuss issues related to graduate student support.

Proposal to Remove Redundant Majors from Diplomas

Graduate Council considered a proposal from the Office of the Registrar to remove major information from the diploma in cases where the major information is redundant with the degree objective, for example, the Master of Music in Music, or the Master of Environmental Science and Management in Environmental Science and Management. Graduate Council unanimously voted to approve the proposal.

UCSB’s Reaccreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

Graduate Council considered both the Excellence in Graduate Education and Program Review essays, part of the Educational Effectiveness Report (EER) for UC Santa Barbara’s WASC reaccreditation. Overall, the Council found the report to be excellent and had just a few minor comments which were provided to the Chair of the Academic Senate for inclusion in the Senate’s Divisional Response.

VII. Systemwide Business

Negotiated Salary Plan Pilot

Graduate Council was asked to consider the proposed pilot program for a Negotiated Salary Plan (NSP) at UC Irvine, San Diego, and Los Angeles. The NSP would involve a flexible compensation model for faculty, thereby allowing the campuses to use non-state resources to provide exceptional faculty with additional compensation. Overall, members were surprised to learn of the proposed program, given the significantly negative responses from most of the Divisions to the previous proposal (for APM 668) in fall 2011.
In its response, the Council agreed to reiterate its strong opposition to the NSP, which was primarily based on the possible implications for graduate students. Any redirection of grant funds toward faculty salaries will reduce the availability of funding for graduate student researchers, which is a cause of significant concern especially in the current fiscal climate of reduced funding and declining budgets. Given rising student fees and the already striking lack of competitiveness in UC support packages, the University must do all that it can to preserve current levels of support for graduate student funding.

The Council also agreed to voice concern, again, that the NSP would circumvent the faculty merit and promotion system, a unique and highly regarded feature of the University of California. The proposed changes, in essence, would establish a secondary salary system that not only lacks transparency, but that also has the potential to increase inequities within and among the disciplines.

The Council also noted that the proposal did not contain detailed metrics by which the success of the pilot program, if launched, would be judged.

**Rebenching Report**

Graduate Council discussed the report and recommendations of the Rebenching Budget Committee. Members were pleased to see the rebenching initiative move forward. Implementing a more equitable process for allocating funds to the campuses will establish a more rational budgeting structure which is consistent with the vision of UC.

**Proposed Open Access Policy**

Graduate Council considered the proposed Open Access Policy early in the fall quarter, which aimed to increase open access to faculty research publications. The proposed policy would involve faculty granting the University a non-exclusive license to their work and depositing a copy of the work in the California Digital Library. Such an arrangement would make open access the default and require that publishers request exclusive rights to faculty works. Faculty would also have the option to opt-out of the license.

Overall, members found that the proposal lacked adequate context and was not transparent in terms of motivations, costs, diversity of scholarship, and copyright. During the discussion, members voiced diverse viewpoints and raised numerous concerns, such as potential implications for professional societies, the transfer of publishing costs to faculty and graduate students, potential impact on faculty workload, etc. In its response, the Council noted that the proposal did not contain sufficient information, and voted not to endorse the policy.

Graduate Council was asked to consider a second version of the proposed policy in the late spring, following the distribution of the agenda of its last meeting. The Council requested that the review of the revised policy be deferred until the fall.
APM 430 - Visiting Scholars

Graduate Council was asked to consider the proposed Academic Personnel Manual (APM) 430, which would establish a new Visiting Scholar title with the aim of regularizing the arrangements for visitors. Per the proposed policy a Visiting Scholar would be a student enrolled in an institution outside of the University of California or an individual employed by or affiliated with an outside institution or agency who is visiting the University of California for the purpose of participating in UC-sponsored conferences and partnerships, or for a short-term educational, academic, or research project under the supervision of UC faculty. Under APM 430, Visiting Scholars would be ineligible for employment and could only be appointed for one year or less.

Members found the proposal to be poorly conceived and incomplete. In its response, the Council noted that the campus has mechanisms in place for bringing visiting scholars to campus, and the proposal fails to provide a cogent rationale for the new title and its terms. The Council also voiced concern about the restrictions associated with the proposed policy and the potential implications for graduate students, particularly regarding remuneration. In addition, members felt that the implementation of APM 430 would cause the definition of the term “Visiting Scholar” to be unreasonably narrowed. The Council agreed not to endorse the proposed APM.

A new version of the proposed APM was presented for review early in the spring quarter, though not much was changed from the previous iteration. Graduate Council upheld its previous comments.

IX. Committees

Over the past several years, Graduate Council has opted to handle the vast majority of its business in full Council sessions, rather than delegating issues to the subcommittees. The subcommittees are called to meet only on an ad hoc basis.

Graduate Council formed a new ad hoc committee in 2012-13, the Committee on Graduate Learning Outcomes. As part of UCSB’s reaccreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), the campus was required to develop program learning outcomes (PLOs) for each of its graduate programs. The Committee was responsible for reviewing each PLO, requesting edits and clarifications if necessary, and ultimately offering its approval. By the end of the spring quarter, the Committee approved the PLOs of 42 academic units.

The Council thanks Karen Myers for her herculean efforts in working with the departments to develop their PLOs.

X. Consultations with the Administration

- David Marshall, Dean of the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts in the College of Letters and Science
• Melvin Oliver, Dean of the Division of Social Sciences in the College of Letters and Science
• Pierre Wiltzius, Dean of the Division of Mathematical, Life, and Physical Sciences in the College of Letters and Science
• Wilfred Brown, Executive Director, Housing and Residential Services

XI. Carry Over Issues for 2012-13

• Reaccreditation by the Western Association of Colleges and Schools (WASC)
• Graduate student support
• Divisional regs for master’s degree – committees
• Request to change Santa Barbara Regulation 350D.2 and 300B.1
• Graduate student funding
• Non-Resident Tuition (NRT)
• Fellowship allocation process

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