

**GRADUATE COUNCIL  
AGENDA  
January 31, 2005  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
2154 Meyer Hall**

**AGENDA ITEM**

**ATTACHMENT**

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Academic Planning and Development (Knoesen)  
Administrative (Berger)  
Courses and Bylaws (Waterhouse/Watkins)  
Educational Policy (Upadhyaya)  
Program Review (Kavvas)  
Support and Welfare (Scalettar)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements from the Chair (Berger)  
Announcements from the Dean (Gibeling)  
Announcements from the Associate Dean (Caswell-Chen)  
Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (Wu)  
Graduate Student Association (Karpel)  
Postdoctoral Scholars Association (van Geelen)  
Graduate Student Assistant to the Dean and Chancellor (Wylie)

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Clinical Research M.A.S., proposal to establish a graduate group and M.A.S. program,  
additional correspondence – Council’s final approval (Berger)** 5.1  
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**CONSENT ITEMS**

**Biological Systems Engineering – Degree requirement changes (Upadhyaya)** 5.4  
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**Overview of Graduate Student Support Funding (Gibeling)**  
*Brief Report on Graduate Student Support at UC Davis, January 18, 2005* Handout  
**Mending the Wall: Report of the Special Committee on Shared Governance and Senate  
Operations, UC Academic Senate Davis Division, December 13, 2004 (Berger)**  
[http://www.mrak.ucdavis.edu/senate/shared\\_governance\\_report.pdf](http://www.mrak.ucdavis.edu/senate/shared_governance_report.pdf)

Trish Berger, Chair

**MINUTES**  
**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**Monday, January 31, 2005**

**PRESENT:** *Members:* T. Berger, J. Cadden, P. Chesson, J. Gibeling, L. Kavvas, A. Knoesen, J. Turgeon, A. Waterhouse, R. Wu

*Representatives:* S. Blank, A. Cole, J. Karpel, A. Kelleher, H. Wylie

*Graduate Studies attendees:* I. Blake, E. Caswell-Chen, N. Cooley, H. Cuevas, K. Garcia, C. Jurado, S. O'Neill, L. Wilce

**ABSENT:** *Members:* A. Conley, C. de la Peña, R. Scalettar, E. Watkins, S. Upadhyaya,

*Representatives:* D. Johns, E. Pyatt, A. van Geelen,

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Clinical Research M.A.S., proposal to establish a graduate group and M.A.S. program, additional correspondence – Council's final approval**

Chair Berger reported that in June 2004 Graduate Council gave its preliminary approval, with some contingencies, to the Clinical Research M.A.S. proposal. The proposers addressed the details/concerns that Council raised. The Academic Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Budget Review (CAPBR) and the Library Committee supported the proposal. The Library Committee's support was contingent on a provision of \$6,000 for monograph purchases, to which the proposers agreed. At the November 22, 2004, meeting, Council still had two concerns: whether the program was self-supporting or state supported and questioned the School of Medicine's timing in dropping support for M.D./Ph.D. program. Chair Berger wrote CAPBR Chair Randolph Siverson regarding the self-supporting question and Dean Joseph Silva regarding the M.D./Ph.D. program. CAPBR's response was that it does not consider anything other than 19900 funds to be state support and that all of Clinical Research's funds would be coming from other than 19900 funds. Dean Silva's response on the School of Medicine's strategic vision and the timing issue was that the Clinical Research program had no impact on decisions regarding the M.D./Ph.D. program. Council briefly discussed the M.D./Ph.D. program and the graduate groups involved.

Prof. Andrew Waterhouse made the motion to approve the proposed graduate group and M.A.S. degree in Clinical Research. Prof. Peter Chesson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Five members voted in favor, none were opposed, and three abstained. The motion carried. Chair Berger will write Dean Jeffery Gibeling and request transmittal of the proposal to the Council of Deans and Vice Chancellors.

**Environmental and Occupational Health – Proposed division within a department in the School of Medicine**

Chair Berger reported that this proposal to establish a Division of Environmental and Occupational Health within the Department of Public Health Sciences in the School of Medicine provided no more information than might be provided for a simple name change request. She

contacted Prof. Marc Schenker, the proposer, and requested a response in terms of the proposal's implications for graduate education because that is Graduate Council's charge. The response on behalf of Prof. Schenker was that there would be no adverse impact to graduate students because they are in graduate groups, primarily Epidemiology or Pharmacology & Toxicology, not departmentally-based graduate programs. Council briefly discussed the history of the Department of Public Health Sciences. Council agreed that although there was very little information in the proposal, its purview was primarily graduate education.

Dean Gibeling made the motion to respond that it appears that the proposed division will have no impact on graduate education and therefore, Graduate Council does not object to the creation of this new division. Prof. Knoesen seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous. Chair Berger will write Prof. Daniel Simmons, Chair of the Davis Division of the Academic Senate.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Chair Berger asked Council if it wished to move any of the items off the Consent List.

### **Biological Systems Engineering – Degree requirement changes**

Two Council members thought that the program degree requirements that Graduate Council and EPC review should be shorter documents and not include policy information for graduate students. Although longer documents may be helpful to students, they take longer to review. The BSE degree requirements were left on the consent list and therefore, were approved; Chair Berger will notify the graduate program chair. In addition, she will mention the suggestion regarding shorter documents to EPC Chair Shrinivasa Upadhyaya, who was absent because he was teaching.

### **Minutes from November 22, 2004**

The minutes were left on the consent list and therefore, were approved as presented. They will be posted to the Web.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **Graduate Council Chair**

Chair Berger announced that this is the first year that Graduate Council is supervising the Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Awards. Committee Analyst Kathy Garcia has been involved in coordinating the awards. This year's OGTA committee is being chaired by Prof. Donal Walsh, who chaired it last year. Support and Welfare Committee Chair Richard Scalettar also has been involved in the OGTA. Graduate Council has a Web site for the award. The deadline for award nominations is February 22, 2005. All departments should have received information about the OGTA last week. Chair Berger announced that all of Graduate Council would be invited to attend the awards ceremony, which will be held on Tuesday, May 31, 2005.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Chair Berger asked the chairs for reports on their subcommittees.

#### **Administrative**

Chair Berger did not report on the Administrative Committee.

#### **Courses and Bylaws**

Bylaws Chair Evan Watkins was absent.

Courses Chair Andrew Waterhouse reported that the committee has had one introductory meeting. He made assignments of courses and reviewers and at Chair Berger's suggestion, delegated individual courses to pairs of reviewers. Chair Berger pointed out that there was a backlog of over 100 courses to be reviewed. Prof. Waterhouse responded that the committee is scheduled to have its first review meeting next week. He hopes to finish the review of at least 20 courses at that meeting and to keep working through the rest of the year and leave no backlog at the end. Committee Analyst Garcia reported that the Courses Committee always starts the academic year with a backlog. Part of the backlog is because after a certain point in the spring quarter, the committee stops reviewing submissions and those courses then sit through the summer. The rest of the backlog is because the 2004-2005 Courses Committee was not formed until after the first of the new year instead of in fall quarter.

### **Academic Planning and Development**

APD Chair André Knoesen reported on three items that his committee is drafting. (1) Graduate Council asked APD to draft some graduate educational objectives. The committee is close to finalizing a draft and it should be ready to be submitted to Council at its next meeting. (2) Graduate Council reviewed and approved a new Ph.D. Dissertation Plan C and modified Plan B, which APD submitted. The proposal was transmitted to the Academic Senate and forwarded to the Committee on Elections, Rules and Jurisdiction (CERJ). CERJ reviewed it and in general agreed with the proposal but had some suggestions, which caused it to be referred back to APD. His committee drafted a new version. (3) APD has started to work on another request from Chair Berger, to develop some guidelines regarding when and whether graduate programs should place restrictions on graduate enrollment in graduate courses. These items will come forward to Council soon.

### **Educational Policy**

Chair Shrinivasa Upadhyaya was absent because he is teaching.

### **Program Review**

Chair Levent Kavvas reported that his committee is proceeding as usual. He and Committee Analyst Garcia have already met with the chairs of the programs to be reviewed next year and have explained the review procedure to them. He added that the questionnaires for next year's reviews are already available online and are being submitted. Analyst Garcia reported that the fourth review of the year would be completed soon. She expected that the PRC Reports on the reviews would probably start coming forward to Council by March.

### **Support and Welfare**

Chair Richard Scalettar was absent.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Overview of Graduate Student Support Funding**

Dean Gibeling distributed *The Brief Report on Graduate Student Support at UC Davis, January 18, 2005*. Dean Gibeling gave Council a status report and overview of graduate student support funding. *The Brief Report* was prepared for his presentation to the Academic Senate Executive Council earlier in January at the request of Professor Daniel Simmons who is chair of the Davis Division of the Academic Senate. Dean Gibeling thought that it would be appropriate for Graduate Council also to have this information. He pointed out that the report only highlights part of Graduate Studies' overall attention to graduate student support and the goal of increasing

the amount of graduate student support funding that is available. Dean Gibeling described each of the report's charts and figures and elaborated on the data presented.

Dean Gibeling concluded his presentation with the key components of the plan. The goal is to close the gap in graduate student support funding between UC Davis and her sister campuses. There also is a gap between UC and its competitor institutions. The cost of this proposed multi-year plan is non-trivial. Five to nine million dollars are needed for Davis to be more competitive, plus an additional one million dollars per year to maintain the purchasing power of existing funds. Ten to fourteen million dollars are needed to maintain and enhance Davis' position. Dean Gibeling thought that there would be a little less uncertainty in the student support picture when Graduate Studies had a five-year graduate student support plan that had the endorsement of the campus.

After Dean Gibeling's presentation, Council asked several questions. Prof. Andrew Waterhouse asked whether there had been any comparisons of the cost of living at the different UC campuses and other institutions. Dean Gibeling indicated that there have been such reports but that California is expensive compared with much of the rest of the country. The question is whether students consider cost of living when they make their choices. In the College of Engineering's annual survey of admitted students, support typically ranks third on the list of factors affecting students' choice of institution. Research opportunities and faculty rank higher. Dr. Steven Blank thought it would be interesting to know UCD's competitive position by discipline. Dean Gibeling reported that he and Assistant Dean Ian Blake are looking at the data by broad disciplinary area. Assistant Dean Blake responded to questions about the data that it is for all students and UCOP does do a report that looks at just those who actually receive aid.

Prof. Kavvas asked about the fee remissions for TAs and GSRs. Dean Gibeling responded that both TAs and GSRs have fee remissions from the source that is paying their salaries. In the case of GSRs, fee remission comes from the grant while in the case of TAs, free remissions come from the campus. TAs do not receive nonresident tuition (NRT) remission unless it is awarded to them from block grants by the programs. GSRs now are supposed to receive NRT remission from the grant fund source although during the transition period, some substitution of sources is being allowed. However, NRT cannot come 19900 funds and there are some agencies that have internal policies that do not permit payment of nonresident tuition. Dean Gibeling said that the Office of Graduate Studies is amassing a collection of questions regarding the implementation of the GSR policy and that after a year's experience, a group would be formed to examine them. There was some further discussion of 19900 funds.

Prof. Waterhouse asked about development work to raise funds for graduate education from the central campus or gift funds. Dean Gibeling reported that the comprehensive campaign is destined to raise \$900 million for the campus, of which \$200 million is earmarked for graduate student support. The Office of Graduate Studies will need a development officer or at least an expert in development to work with the colleges and schools.

### **Mending the Wall**

Chair Berger introduced *Mending the Wall: Report of the Special Committee on Shared Governance and Senate Operations*; Council had received the URL in the agenda packet. Chair Berger requested that everyone read the document in order to discuss it at Council's next meeting and be prepared to comment on it for the Academic Senate. Dean Gibeling pointed out

the very positive statements on page 9 regarding the excellent working relationship between the Office of Graduate Studies and Graduate Council. He stated that he does not take this relationship lightly, having been both Chair of Graduate Council and Dean of Graduate Studies, and that he intends to continue to focus his attention on shared governance. He thought that both Graduate Council and Graduate Studies could take some pride in their working relationship and the way it has been over many, many years.

## **CONSENT ITEM**

### **Minutes for the December 13, 2005 meeting**

The minutes will be distributed soon.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Associate Dean for Programs**

Associate Dean Edward Caswell-Chen had no announcements.

### **Associate Dean for Students**

The new Associate Dean for Students has not yet been recruited or appointed.

### **Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs**

CCGA Representative Reen Wu reported that CCGA is considering how graduate study has been affected by the visa problems and other recruitment issues. The Office of the President is interested in internationalizing graduate study and increasing the number of international graduate students. CCGA is concerned about any graduate programs that are no longer active and may request the campuses to notify CCGA about these. The reason for this concern is that CCGA received a proposal for a new program that was similar to an inactive program on the same campus.

### **Graduate Student Association**

GSA Chair Jonathan Karpel had two announcements. (1) He has conducted an informal survey of graduate students in five programs whose names have recently changed. He expected to be able to share his findings at the next Council meeting. (2) Mr. Karpel announced the Interdisciplinary Graduate Symposium, which will take place on March 5, 2005 at the University Club. Dr. Frederick Murphy, who discovered the Ebola virus, will be the keynote speaker. GSA is laying a strong foundation for this symposium with the expectation that it will grow slowly and develop into a big draw event where graduate students can present their research and receive feedback. Ms. Ann Kelleher reported that Student Affairs may be interested in supporting and growing this event because it is so closely related to the undergraduate research conference.

### **Postdoctoral Scholars Association**

PSA Chair Albert van Geelen was absent. Dr. Alison Cole had no PSA announcements.

### **Graduate Student Assistant to the Dean and Chancellor**

Ms. Heather Wylie had no announcements.

### **Graduate Council Chair**

Chair Berger announced that when the Academic Senate Executive Committee heard about the APD Committee's proposal for the Ph.D. Dissertation Plan C, there was applause.

### **Dean–Graduate Studies**

Dean Jeffery Gibeling made several announcements. The Governor’s budget proposes a 10% graduate student fee increase and a 0% nonresident tuition increase. Of the fee increase, there is a 50% return to aid that will be re-invested in graduate student support.

Dean Gibeling reported on UC Provost and Senior Vice President M.R.C. Greenwood’s presentation regarding graduate education to the Regents last week. She spoke about the importance of graduate education, the value of graduate education to the state, and the need to invest in graduate education and graduate student support. The presentation and discussion lasted much longer than expected. The Regents’ level of engagement was heartening. Dean Gibeling reminded Council of the Regents’ Commission on the Growth and Support of Graduate Education. A joint Regents/administration task force put together the report. It was approved by the Regents and had been scheduled to be released on September 12, 2001. There have been a number of reports on the economic impact of graduate education on the state, including the contributions of graduate students who stay in the state and the kind of industries they create and in which they work. Dean Gibeling said that the report is timely as the state budget is starting to recover.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

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