

**GRADUATE COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION  
December 1, 2020**

**To be received and placed on file:**

The Graduate Council met ten times during the period of September 2019 through June 2020. 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 144 courses; 32 new courses, 93 changed courses, and 19 deleted courses.

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

- Mechanical Engineering PhD
- Mechanical Engineering MS Plan I
- Mechanical Engineering MS Plan II
- Master of Finance
- Professional MBA
- Psychology name change for graduate areas
- Masters of Engineering (online) (2)
- Computer Engineering
- Physics & Astronomy (2)
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Psychology
- CMDB
- MBA (OSCM Concentration)
- Environmental Toxicology
- Computer Science & Engineering
- MBA/PMBA
- EEOB
- Visual Art
- Chemistry
- Entomology
- MA & PhD in School Psychology
- MEd ABA
- MEd in Diversity & Equity
- Chemical & Environmental Engineering
- Dance
- Economics
- Environmental Sciences
- Neuroscience
- Plant Biology
- Book, Archive, and Manuscript Studies DE
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- GGB
- MCBL
- MEd General Education Teaching Emphasis

- Medical & Health Humanities DE
- Post Baccalaureate Teaching Credential Programs

The Graduate Council reviewed the following UNEX proposals: 1) Proposal for a Postgraduate Diploma in Entertainment and Media Management; 2) Advanced Certificate in Natural, Physical and Life Sciences; 3) UNEX Post Graduate Diploma Proposal

Graduate Council reviewed the following UNEX Course Proposals:

1. CS X202.1
2. CS X202.2
3. CS X202.3
4. MGT X200.6
5. MGT X200.7

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

- 1) Dissertation/Master's Thesis Research grant applications. The subcommittee reviewed 1 Dissertation and Master's Thesis Research Grant and awarded 1 amounting to \$500. The number of applications received and reviewed represents a decrease from the previous year.
- 2) Earle C. Anthony Travel award applications. The subcommittee reviewed 17 applications and awarded 14 Travel awards amounting to \$13,229.72. This represents a 3% decrease in applications.
- 3) The Fellowship subcommittee reviewed applications and provided rankings to the Graduate Division Dean for the following:
  - a) Graduate Division Graduate Research Mentorship Program (GRMP) – 14 applications
  - b) Dissertation-Year Programs (DYP) Fellowship Program – 25 applications

4 competitive DYPs were awarded, 3 of them were allocated as DYFAs. 26 GRMPs were awarded. In addition, 109 quarters of DYPs were allocated to programs. DYPs and GRMPs awards amounted to \$1,263,297 supporting 96 students for 3 quarters.
- 4) The Fellowship subcommittee reviewed 29 nominees for the 2020 Doctoral Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award and selected two recipients, Professor of Mathematics, John Baez and Professor of Geology, Mary Droser.

The Graduate Council concluded its regularly scheduled reviews of the Entomology, Environmental Sciences, Ethnic Studies, and Neuroscience graduate programs as well as an internal review of the Master of Public Policy. Extramural reviews of Spanish and Religious Studies graduate programs were scheduled for late winter/early spring quarters but had to be postponed until 2020/21 due to COVID-19.

Graduate Council discussed the program responses, corresponded with, and voted to close out four of the reviews conducted in 2019/20 for the following graduate programs: Environmental

Sciences, Ethnic Studies, Master of Public Policy (internal), Neuroscience. Graduate Council discussed the program responses, corresponded with, and voted to close out two of the reviews conducted in 2018/19 for the following graduate programs: Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Master of Engineering – online (internal). Graduate Council discussed the program responses, corresponded with, and voted to close out the Visual Art MFA review conducted in 2017/18.

Graduate Council hosted one Graduate Program Review Preparation meeting via Zoom in the summer of 2020 to prepare the programs scheduled for review in 2020/21 for the review process.

Additionally, the following actions were taken by the Graduate Council during 2019/20:

- At its first meeting of the academic year, the Council adopted a statement regarding possible conflicts of interest by its members. (Sept. 2019).
- Discussed proposed changes to the Qualifying Examination, Qualifying Committee and Advancement to Candidacy and Dissertation Requirements bylaws.
- Temporary Graduate Regulation changes due to COVID-19.
- Reviewed and provided comments on the Graduate Student Bill of Rights created by GSA.
- Reviewed and approved request to award a posthumous degree.

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

- ORU Name Change: From Center for Research in Intelligent Systems (CRIS) to Center on Robotics and Intelligent Systems (CRIS)
- Proposed Revised Policy: Presidential Policy on Copyright Ownership
- Proposed Agreement: UCR Online Course Agreement (ILTI Agreement)
- Proposed Regulation Change: Senate Regulation R1.8.1-Final Exam Duration
- Proposed Degree Program: 4th Round: Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSiBA)
- Revisiting the Provost's Taskforce for Hybrid & Online Education Final Report
- Report Review: UC Washington (UCDC) Center Review
- Appendix 7 Transfer of Program: Transfer of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration to the School of Business

- Report Review: Report of the Working Group on Comprehensive Access
- New Master's Degree Proposal: Master of Science Degree in Robotics
- Proposed Policy: Performance Management, Corrective Action, Dismissal (Non-Senate Academic Titles)
- Proposed Agreement: Resubmission-UCR Online Course Agreement (ILTI Agreement)
- Proposed Regulation Revision: Graduate School of Education Regulations ER 1 to ER 4.1
- Proposed Policy: Presidential Policy on Protection of Human Subjects in Research
- Proposed COVID-19 Response Temporary Suspension and Replacement of UCR Regulations (R1.1.4-5 and R1.2.2) for Spring 2020
- [Campus Review] Campus Five Year Planning Perspectives (2020-2025)
- Consideration of Proposal for Suspension of iEval for Spring 2020
- Proposed Regulation Change: COVID-19 Response Temporary Modification of UCR Regulations (R1.1.5)
- [Campus Review] Campus Guideline Proposal: Addition of Designated Emphasis on Graduate Diplomas
- (Academic Council) Guidance on Divisional Flexibility for Grading Options for Summer 2020
- Proposal to Extend COVID-19 Remote Instruction at UCR
- COVID-19 Temporary Modification or Suspension: Senate Regulations and/or Policies
- Establishment of Division of Undergraduate Education
- COVID-19 Temporary Modification or Suspension: COVID-19 Response Temporary Modification to UCR Senate Regulations R1.1.4, R1.1.5 and R1.1.6
- Proposed Degree Program: Joint Statistics BS / Statistics MS Five Year Combined-Degree Program

- Proposed Regulation Change: Graduate Division Regulation GR5.4 for Fall 2020
- Proposed Regulation Change: 2nd Round - Graduate Division Regulation GR5.4 for Fall 2020 (Expedited Review)

Respectfully Submitted,

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