**GRADUATE COUNCIL**
**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION**
**November 30, 2021**

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

The Graduate Council met eleven times during the period of September 2020 through June 2021. 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 127 courses: 42 new courses, 70 changed courses, and 15 deleted courses.

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

Bioengineering
BS+MS in Mechanical Engineering
Chemical & Environmental Engineering
Computer Science & Engineering
Electrical & Computer Engineering – MS & Professional Development Requirement
MSOL
Robotics catalog entry
MBA
PMBA
PhD in Management
BAM DE
Dance MFA
English
MEIS DE
Psychology
SEAS DE
Sociology
Entomology
Plant Pathology
Microbiology
Plant Biology
Statistics
MA & PhD in Education
MA & PhD in School Psychology
MEd
MEd ABA
MEd HEAP
PhD HEAP
MPP
MPP DE

The Graduate Council reviewed the following UNEX proposals: 1) Proposal for a Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Management; 2) Postgraduate Certificate in Management; 3) Postgraduate Diploma in Big Data Technologies; 4) Postgraduate Diploma in Bioengineering Management; 5) Postgraduate Diploma in Digital Marketing; 6) Postgraduate Diploma in Engineering Management; 7) Postgraduate Diploma in Entertainment & Media Management; 8)

Postgraduate Diploma in Event Management; 9) Postgraduate Diploma in Event Management; 10) Postgraduate Diploma in Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management; 11) Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership & Organizational Excellence; 12) Postgraduate Diploma in Management; 13) Postgraduate Diploma in Project Management; 14) Postgraduate Diploma in Public Policy and International Relations; 15) Postgraduate Diploma in Sports Management; 16) Postgraduate Diploma in Tourism & Hospitality Management

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

1) Dissertation/Master's Thesis Research grant applications. The subcommittee reviewed 16 Dissertation and Master's Thesis Research Grant and awarded 15 amounting to $16,205.73.

2) Earle C. Anthony Travel award applications were not awarded due to COVID-19.

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) – 3 applications

      b) Dissertation-Year Programs (DYP) Fellowship Program – 32 applications

Four competitive DYPs were awarded, 3 of them were allocated as DYFAs. 2 GRMPs were awarded. DYPs and GRMPs awards amounted to $1,238,068.

4) The Fellowship subcommittee reviewed 7 nominees for the 2021 Doctoral Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award and selected one recipient, Professor of Computer Science & Engineering and Electrical & Computer Engineering, Nael Abu-Ghazaleh.

The Graduate Council concluded its regularly scheduled reviews of the Biomedical Sciences, CMDB, GGB, Management PhD, Religious Studies, Southeast Asian Studies, and Spanish graduate programs as well as an internal review of the Sociology graduate program.

Graduate Council discussed the program responses, corresponded with, and voted to close out three of the reviews conducted in 2020/21 for the following graduate programs: Religious Studies, Southeast Asian Studies, and Spanish. Graduate Council discussed the program responses, corresponded with, and voted to close out two of the reviews conducted in 2019/20 for the following graduate programs: Environmental Sciences & Entomology. Graduate Council discussed previous responses from the 2018/19 review of the PMBA program and replied to the program's most recent response in an effort to close-out the remining SSP reviews from AY 2018/19.

Graduate Council hosted one Graduate Program Review Preparation meeting via Zoom in the spring of 2021 to prepare the programs scheduled for review in 2021/22 for the review process.

Additionally, the following actions were taken by the Graduate Council during 2020/21:

- At its first meeting of the academic year, the Council adopted a statement regarding possible conflicts of interest by its members. (Sept. 2020).

- Emergency temporary Graduate Regulation changes due to COVID-19.

- Reviewed and ruled on one confidential graduate student grade appeal.

- Reviewed several GRE rubrics and decided to grant programs a one-year temporary extension to waive the GRE. An ad hoc committee is being formed by the Senate to review, provide feedback, and approve all GRE rubrics to be used on a permanent basis.

- Non-Senate Participation on Oral Qualifying Exam, Dissertation and Thesis Committees.

- Proposed Changes to Graduate Regulations 4, 4.5, and 4.6.

- Proposed Changes to Graduate Student Academic Appeals Procedures.

- Provided feedback on the Graduate Student Survey.

- Reviewed request from Computer Science to be allowed to use non-academic letter writers for admission to their MS program.

- Reviewed and provided feedback on the Graduate Finances Working Group Report.

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

- Proposed new master's degree proposal – MS in Robotics

- Proposed new degree program – Public Policy BA/MPP 5-Year Combined Degree Program

- Online Undergraduate Degree Task Force Report

- Report of the Academic Council Teaching Evaluation Task Force

- Proposal: Classification of Instructional Programs Process

- Proposed new degree program – Statistics BS/Statistics MS Five Year Combined-Degree Program

- Proposal: 2020-21 Curtailment Program

- Graduate Program Name Change: From Geological Sciences to Earth & Planetary Sciences

- Draft Policy: Role of UCR Financial Planning & Analysis in the Establishment and Financial Management of Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs

- Proposed Policy: Proposed Presidential Policy, Business and Finance Bulletin, IS-12 IT Recovery

- Report Review: Innovative Learning Technology Initiative (ILTI) Review

- Report Review: Committee on Faculty Welfare - Campus Climate Survey Report

- New master's degree proposal: M.S. Degree in Data Science

- Proposal for MCBL Joint BS/MS Degree Program

- UCR Academic Advising Report Review

- Request for Recommendations: President's Job Protection Program

- Proposed Policy: New Presidential Policy on UC Research Data and Tangible Research Materials

- Report Review: Final Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Evaluation of Teaching

- Report Review: Campus Safety Task Force draft report & recommendations

- Academic Planning: Draft Strategic Plan

- 2nd Round - Formalization of Division Status for Undergraduate Education

- Proposed Revision to Senate Regulation 610 (Residency)

- School/College Name Change: Simple name change for the Graduate School of Education

- UCR Anti-Bullying Policy

- Proposed Policy: SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program

- Proposed Revisions to Policy: Presidential Policy-Fee Policy for Graduate Student In Absentia Registration

- Transfer of the CMDB Graduate Program and the CMDB Undergraduate Program to the Department of Molecular, Cell and Systems Biology (MCSB)

- Proposed Degree Program: Master of Public Health (MPH)

- Proposed Policy: Remote Options for Fall 2021

- Draft Presidential Campus Safety Plan

- New Department Pre-Proposal: Department of Black Study

- Proposal: Renewal of Partnership Agreement between UCR & RUSD regarding Riverside STEM Academy (RSA)

- COVID-19 Temporary Modification or Suspension: Proposed Changes to Regulations of the Riverside Division - Extension of COVID-19 Related Modifications through Fall 2021 (Grading System Regulations R1.1.4, R1.1.5, R1.1.6, R1.2.2, R1.8.1)

- COVID-19 Temporary Modification or Suspension: Proposed Changes to Graduate Division Regulations of the Riverside Division - Extension of COVID-19 Related Modification through Fall 2021 (GR1.5.7, GR5.4)

- (Consultation) Request for Recommendation on Masking in Classroom

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