April 3, 2024

To: Sang-Hee Lee, Chair
Riverside Division

From: David Oglesby, Chair
Graduate Council

Re: [Systemwide Review] (Report Review) Final report of the University of California Systemwide Advisory Workgroup on Students with Disabilities

The Graduate Council discussed the final report of the UC Systemwide Advisory Workgroup on Students with Disabilities at the March 21, 2024 meeting. The Council was in agreement that raising faculty awareness and destigmatizing disabilities is crucial. Members felt the report did not have enough space to mention leading contributions students with disabilities make to the community. The suggestions about changing the grading policy was unclear to members. The Council agrees with the suggestion of making courses more accessible to students with disabilities, but members felt it was unclear how this would be accomplished. What are the best practices to make courses more accessible? If there is a way this can be done, it should be made very clear to faculty.