

APPROVED

2000-2001 Annual Report
Graduate Council

In fulfilling its charge as established in the by-laws of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate, the Graduate Council (GC) carried out the following activities. The chair of GC during 2000-2001 was Professor Michael Hanemann.

Note: items are listed chronologically in each section.

I. Departments Reviewed

- French
Comments forwarded to Chair Maslach (10/17/00).

II. Graduate Group Reviews

- Graduate Council Global Report on Graduate Groups
Distributed to individuals involved with graduate groups (10/9/00).
- Health and Medical Sciences
Comments forwarded to Dean Penhoet of the School of Public Health (1/4/01).
- Agricultural and Environmental Chemistry
Comments forwarded to Group Chair Kubo (2/2/01).
- Biostatistics
Comments forwarded to Group Chair Silvin (2/7/01).
- Microbiology
Comments forwarded to Group Co-Chairs Lindow and Brillinger (2/7/01).
- Nutrition
Comments forwarded to Group Chair Napoli (4/19/01).
- Neuroscience
Comments forwarded to Group Chair Ngai (4/19/01).
- Infectious Diseases and Immunity
Comments forwarded to Group Chair Stephens (5/10/01).

III. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

- Proposed name changes for academic units
 - Earth and Planetary Science Undergraduate Major
GC declined to comment (9/12/00).
 - Earth and Planetary Science Graduate Degree Name Change
Endorsement forwarded to Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost (EVCP) Gray (9/29/00).
 - Graduate Group in Dramatic Art (to Graduate Group in Performance Studies)
Endorsement forwarded to EVCP Gray (12/15/00).
 - Department of Dramatic Art/Center for Theater Arts (to Department of Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies) and A.B. in Dramatic Art (to A.B. in Theater and Performance Studies and A.B. in Dance and Performance Studies)
GC declined to comment (3/7/01).

- Proposal for Concurrent MBA/MFE Degree Program from the Haas School of Business
Comments forwarded to EVCP Gray (11/27/00).

- Five Year Review of California Space Institute
Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (2/7/01).

- Guidelines for Course Websites
Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (3/26/01).

- Proposal for a Master of Advanced Study in Dietetics
Endorsement forwarded to EVCP Gray (4/10/01).

- Proposal to designate the last Friday of March as Cesar Chavez Day
Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (5/2/01).

- Proposal to Revise Academic Personnel Policy 283, Lecturer with Security of Employment
Informal comments forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (5/4/01).

- Opportunities for Faculty Teaching in Summer 2002
Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (5/4/01).

- Proposal to Revise Academic Calendar to 140 days
Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (5/8/01).

- Graduate Student Fellowship Support

Letter to Chancellor Berdahl (5/17/01).

- Proposal for the Haas-Columbia North American Executive MBA Program
Comments forwarded to EVCP Gray (5/30/01).
- Proposal for UCSD Graduate School of Business
Informal comments forwarded for Senate Chair Dowall (6/21/01 via e-mail).

B. Completed without Written Comment

- Request for Modification of Language Requirement in Geography
Approved without comment (9/18/00 meeting).
- Proposal from UC Davis regarding Filing Fee
Informally endorsed (10/9/00 meeting).
- Graduate Division Fellowships
Endorsed (2/5/01 meeting).
- Graduate Student Housing
Unanimously passed a motion that the GC urges the campus administration to adopt the goal of providing housing for 25% of first-year graduate students (3/12/01 meeting).
- Revised Proposal for a Graduate Degree Program in Molecular Toxicology
Endorsed revised proposal (4/16/01 meeting).
- Test of Spoken English for International GSI's
Approved a proposal that departments will be responsible for sending test vouchers to graduate program applicants if the departments wish to appoint them as GSIs during their first semester. Departments will also obtain evidence that the applicants passed the exam before they arrive at UC Berkeley (4/16/01 meeting).
- GRE Requirement
Motion passed to allow departments to decide if they want to require GRE scores for application to graduate programs (4/16/01 meeting).
- Qualifying Examination Procedures for Graduate Group in The Logic and Methodology of Science

This item was carried over from the 1999-2000 year. During the 2000-01 year, Professor Lambert of the GC and Graduate Division worked with the group to revise its qualifying exam procedures. The procedures are now in accordance with Graduate Council guidelines. This item was brought before Chair Hanemann, not the full committee.

IV. Unfinished Business

- **Graduate Student Surveys**
At the 11/6/00 meeting, Maresi Nerad, Director of Graduate Research in the Graduate Division, gave a presentation about the work she is doing on graduate student surveys. At the 2/5/01 meeting, members agreed that Master's and Ph.D. students should be surveyed when they complete their programs. Members agreed that it would also be desirable to survey graduate students when they advance to candidacy. Chair Hanemann will consult with the relevant offices, and the GC will continue discussion during 2001-02 (see minutes of 3/12/01 for further information).
- **Impact of Clustering on Graduate Advising and Assistance**
The GC discussed this issue throughout the year. A subcommittee comprised of Chair Hanemann and Professors Lambert, Mastronarde, and Rugg was appointed to investigate the matter further (2/5/01 meeting). The subcommittee was suspended when the committee endorsed a statement on "Findings and Recommendations on Issues Arising from Clustering in the Humanities," which was forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (3/13/01 via e-mail). The Divisional Council accepted the recommendation that it appoint an ad hoc Academic Senate Committee on Clustering. GC will assist this Committee in any way it can during 2001-02.
- **Enrollment Planning for Graduate Programs**
This item emerged as part of the discussion about planning for expanded enrollment. At the 12/11/00 meeting, members discussed this issue. Chair Hanemann forwarded comments to the Strategic Planning Committee for consideration. Discussion on this issue continued throughout 2000-01. Together with the Dean of the Graduate Division, the Graduate Council co-sponsored a survey of all graduate programs on campus to ascertain their assessment of the current condition of the program and their plans, if any, for future changes in enrollment. The survey was administered by the Graduate Division during the summer, 2001. GC expects to review the results of the survey and continue its consideration of issues related to future graduate enrollment during 2001-02.
- **Visiting Graduate Student Scholars and Exchange Agreements**

Professor Sitars and Lambert and Associate Dean Duggan were appointed to a subcommittee. This item was discussed at the 3/12/01 meeting. Discussion will continue during 2001-02.

- **Appointment of Subcommittee to review Proposal for Conversion of Doctor of Optometry Degree to the Graduate Level**
A subcommittee consisting of Chair Hanemann, Professor Rugg, and Student Representative Kim was formed. There were some questions about the proposal, and Chair Hanemann was to follow up with the faculty proposer. Discussion on this item will continue during the fall 2001 semester.
- **California Residency Requirements**
This item was carried over from the 1999-2000 year. Chair Hanemann will follow up with Registrar Castillo-Robson during 2001-02.