

APPROVED

2006-07 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 the GC during 2006-07 was Professor Ilan Adler.

Note: items are listed chronologically in each section. Dates in parentheses, unless otherwise noted, indicate the date of correspondence from the committee about the item of business.

I. Departments Reviewed¹

- Department of Music
Comments forwarded to Division Chair William Drummond (10/11/06).
- Department of Statistics
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (11/15/06).
- Department of African American Studies
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (2/9/07).
- Department of Education
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (5/9/07).
- Department of Political Science
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (5/9/07).

II. Graduate Group Reviews

- Graduate Group in Asian Studies
Comments forwarded to Group Chair Bonnie Wade (5/15/07). Response from Group requested by December 15, 2007.
- Graduate Group in Biosphysics
Comments forwarded to Group Chair Ehud Isacoff (5/15/07). Response from Group requested by December 15, 2007.
- Graduate Group in Logic and Methodology
Comments forwarded to Group Chair Paolo Mancosu (5/16/07). Response from Group requested by December 15, 2007.

¹ Not all departmental reviews were completed during the 2006-07 academic year.

- Graduate Group in Neuroscience
Comments forwarded to Group Chair John Ngai (5/16/07). Response from Group requested by December 15, 2007.

III. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

- Recommendations from the Joint Academic Senate and UCOP Workgroup on Recycling Multi-Campus Research Units' Funds
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (9/12/06).
- Campus-Sponsored Non-EAP Instructional Programs in Foreign Countries
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (9/12/06).
- Joint UCEP/CCGA Proposal on the Role of Graduate Students in University Instruction
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (11/14/06).
- Proposed Guiding Principles for Professional School Fees
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (11/22/06).
- Criteria for Graduate Specializations
Comments forwarded to Assistant Vice Chancellor for Planning and Analysis Dennis Hengstler (11/22/06).
- Sarlo Distinguished Graduate Student Mentoring Award
 - ▶ *Comments forwarded to Graduate Division Associate Dean Andrew Szeri (12/11/06).*
 - ▶ *A subcommittee selected recipients for the award on 4/13/07, and the GC endorsed the subcommittee's choices at its 5/7/07 meeting.*
- Proposed Amendments to Senate Regulation 694 and Proposed New Senate Regulation 695
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (2/20/07).
- Revised Questions Posed During Academic Program Reviews Relating to Graduate Education
Comments forwarded via e-mail to the Office of the Vice Provost – Academic Planning and Facilities (3/1/07).
- Designated Emphasis in Critical Theory
Comments forwarded to Professor Judith Butler (3/9/07).

- Proposal to Modify Ph.D. Program in Hispanic Languages and Literatures
Comments forwarded to Professors Francine Masiello and Estelle Tarica, Co-chairs of the Committee to Revise the Graduate Program, Department of Spanish and Portuguese (4/12/07).
- Proposed Name Change for Physical Sciences Division in College of Letters and Science
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (5/8/07).
- Accommodation of Conflicts between Class Attendance and Religious Holy Days
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (5/8/07).
- Proposal for a Certificate Program in Engineering and Business for Sustainability
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (5/8/07).
- Proposed Discontinuance of the Joint Ed.D. Program in Educational Leadership
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (6/12/07).

B. Completed without Written Comment

- Presentation on the National Research Council (NRC) Assessment of Research Doctorate Programs
Graduate Division Associate Dean Andrew Szeri summarized the NRC's assessment process in general and for the Berkeley campus in particular (11/6/06 meeting).
- Graduate Council Conflict of Interest Policy
Approved at the GC's 2/5/07 meeting and forwarded to the Committee on Rules and Elections.
- Survey regarding Status of Graduate Groups and their Needs
The GC approved a recommendation by the Graduate Division that a survey of graduate groups chairs be conducted to learn more about each group's administrative structure (2/5/07 meeting).
- Graduate Council Review of Plan II Master's Project Requirements
The GC approved a suggestion by the Graduate Division that the GC establish a subcommittee to review the data that Graduate Division gathered about Plan II Master's Project Requirements (2/5/07 meeting).
- Proposal for Limited Paid Maternity Leave for GSIs and GSRs

The GC approved a proposal presented by Graduate Division Dean Mary Ann Mason that the campus offer limited paid maternity leave to graduate student instructors and graduate student researchers (3/5/07 meeting).

- **Proposal to Increase the Minimum Number of Units that Graduate Student Instructors are Required to Earn in a Semester from 8 to 12 Units**
The GC approved this request from the Graduate Division pending agreement from the Committee on Courses of Instruction (COCI) that it would approve teaching practicum courses for departments that needed it if those courses met COCI's criteria. In a memo dated 3/22/07, COCI agreed (3/5/07 meeting).
- **Discussion of Online Graduate Degrees**
The GC met with Professor Panos Papadopoulos of COCI to discuss online courses and degrees at UC Berkeley and other UCs (4/2/07 meeting).
- **Proposed Graduate Council Policy on Graduate Advisors**
The GC approved a policy that will require head graduate advisors to be tenured faculty (5/7/07 meeting).
- **Normative Time Request from ESPM**
The GC received a request from the Department of Environment, Science, and Policy Management (ESPM) to change its normative time. The GC Normative Time Subcommittee asked for more information via e-mail on 10/6/06, which ESPM failed to provide. The GC will not take any further action on this item unless the department responds.

IV. Unfinished Business

- **Bologna Process Degrees**
The GC will discuss this item during the fall 2006 semester.