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2007-08 Annual Report
Graduate Council

In fulfilling its charge as established in the Bylaws of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate, the Graduate Council (GC) carried out the following activities. The chair of the GC during 2007-08 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

- School of Journalism
Comments forwarded to Division Chair William Drummond (9/19/07).
- School of Information
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (10/2/07).
- Department of Philosophy
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (10/8/07).
- Department of History of Art
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (10/18/07).
- Department of Mathematics
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (11/14/07).
- Department of Geography
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (11/19/07).
- Department of Bioengineering
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (3/13/08).
- Department of Psychology
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (4/7/08).

II. Graduate Group Reviews

- Graduate Group in Logic and the Methodology of Science
Group Chair Paulo Mancosu submitted a response to the GC's review and recommendations on 9/10/07. Chair Adler acknowledged the Group's response (10/10/07).

¹ Not all departmental reviews were completed during the 2007-08 academic year.

- Graduate Group in Science and Mathematics Education (SESAME)
Comments forwarded to Group Chair Marcia Linn (3/13/08). Response from Group requested by 10/15/08.
- Graduate Group in Environmental Health Sciences
Comments forwarded to Group Chair Kirk Smith (4/15/08). Response from Group requested by 11/15/08.
- Graduate Group in Endocrinology
Comments forwarded to Group Chair Gary Firestone (4/15/08). Response from Group requested by 11/15/08.
- Graduate Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology
Comments forwarded to Group Chair Ronald Hendel (5/16/08). Response from Group requested by 12/1/08.
- Graduate Group in Agricultural and Environmental Chemistry
Comments forwarded to Group Chair Anastasios Melis (5/21/08). Response from Group requested by 12/15/08.

III. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

- Notification Regarding Suspension of Dean's Normative Time Fellowship (DNTF) in Response To Requests for Reconsideration of the DNTF
 - ▶ *Letter sent to Graduate Group in Logic and the Methodology of Science Chair Paolo Mancosu (10/8/07).*
 - ▶ *Letter sent to Graduate Group in Medieval Studies Director Steven Justice (10/8/07).*
 - ▶ *Letter sent to Head Graduate Advisor Eve Sweetser of the Department of Linguistics (10/8/07).*
 - ▶ *Letter sent to Professor John Ellwood of the School of Public Policy (10/22/07).*
- Request by Department of Mathematics to Waive Application of GC's Foreign Language Requirement Options for the Doctoral Programs in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics
Approval sent to Professor Michael Christ of the Department of Mathematics (10/8/07).
- CCGA/UCEP Report on "The Role of Graduate Students in University Instruction" and Associated Modifications to Regulation 750.B and APM 410

Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (11/21/07).

- Proposal for a Self-Supporting Master's Degree in Professional Accounting
Approval forwarded to Executive Director Solomon Darwin of the Haas School of Business (12/4/07).
- Request to Clarify Unit Requirement for the Master's Degree in Public Policy
Approval forwarded to Head Graduate Advisor Jane Mauldon of the School of Public Policy (1/17/08).
- CCGA/UCEP/ITTP "Dialectic" Paper on Remote/Online Instruction
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (2/12/08).
- Regents' Task Force on Diversity Reports
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (2/13/08).
- Proposed Discontinuance of the M.A. in Greek and the M.A. in Latin
Approval forwarded to Vice Provost-Academic Affairs and Faculty Welfare Sheldon Zedeck (4/8/08).
- Proposal for a Graduate Group and Designated Emphasis in Computational Science and Engineering
Approval forwarded to Professor James Demmel of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) and Associate Director Masoud Nikravesh of EECS (4/8/08).
- Request from the School of Public Health (SPH) to Increase the Unit Requirement for MPH from 24 to 42
Approval forwarded to SPH Dean Stephen Shortell and Division Chair Drummond (4/9/08).
- Revised Summer Sessions Regularization Plan
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Drummond (5/7/08).
- Assessing Departmental Efforts in Mentoring Graduate Student Instructors (GSIs)
Comments forwarded to Advisory Committee for GSI Affairs Chair Rosemary Joyce (5/16/08).
- Request to Change Name of Graduate Group in Agricultural and Environmental Chemistry to Graduate Group in Bioenergy and Agricultural Chemistry

Denial of request noted in correspondence about the Group's review (5/21/08).

B. Completed without Written Comment

- **Bologna Process Degrees**
At its 10/1/07 meeting, the GC voted to establish a policy that three-year bachelor-level degrees from European universities that are a result of the Bologna process will be accepted as a qualification for admission to graduate standing at UC Berkeley.
- **Amendments to Graduate Council Bylaws**
The Advisory Committee on Post-Doctoral Scholar Affairs was abolished at the 12/3/07 meeting and the name of the Advisory Committee on Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) Training was updated to the Committee on Advisory Committee for Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) Affairs at the 5/5/08 meeting.
- **Sarlo Distinguished Graduate Student Mentoring Award Recipients**
The GC endorsed Susanna Barrows (Professor of History) and Alexandre Chorin (Professor of Mathematics) as co-winners of the 2008 Sarlo Distinguished Graduate Student Mentoring Award for UC Berkeley Faculty and Irene Bloemraad (Assistant Professor of Sociology) as the winner of the 2008 Sarlo Distinguished Graduate Student Mentoring Award for UC Berkeley Junior Faculty at its 5/5/08 meeting.
- **Request for Endorsement of Equity Advisor**
The GC approved a request from the Graduate Division to endorse the establishment of the Vice Chancellor for Equity and Inclusion's Equity Advisor, with the recognition that this advisor will continue the role and responsibilities of the Graduate Council's Affirmative Action Advisor, at its 5/5/08 meeting.

IV. Unfinished Business

- **Graduate-Level Certificates**
During the 2007-08 academic year, the GC tried to resolve an apparent discrepancy between the criteria cited in the campus's "Guidelines for Non-UNEX Certificate Programs" and Senate Regulation 735, which lists the criteria for a Certificate of Completion of Graduate Curriculum. After debating the benefits and drawbacks of a two-tiered certificate system and learning that the CCGA hoped to issue guidelines about its review of graduate-level certificates to campuses soon, the GC postponed final action until 2008-09. At its 5/5/08 meeting, members endorsed in principle a memo about graduate-level certificates from Associate Dean Joseph Duggan, dated 4/28/08, and authorized Chair Adler to investigate the next steps needed for implementation.

Chair Adler forwarded a letter of inquiry about the relevant legislation to Chair Daniel Melia of the Committee on Rules and Elections (7/17/08). He also sent a letter to Vice Provost – Academic Planning and Facilities Catherine Koshland to update her on the current situation (6/12/08).

- **Proposal for a Certificate in the Management of Technology**
The GC postponed a final decision on the proposal until the issue cited above is resolved. Notification was sent to Program Manager Susan Reneau (4/8/08).
- **Review of Plan II Master's Project Requirements**
This item is a carryover from the 2006-07 GC. The GC will consider this item in the 2008-09 academic year.
- **Revision of the Graduate Council's Guidelines for Service on the Qualifying Exam**
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