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1999-2000 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 1999-2000 was Professor John Lindow.

Note: items are listed chronologically in each section.

I. Departments Reviewed¹

- East Asian Languages and Cultures
Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Spear (10/1/00).

- Agricultural and Resource Economics
Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Spear (11/30/99).

- Linguistics
Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Spear (12/15/99).

- Slavic Languages and Literatures
Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Spear (4/1//00).

- Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences
Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Spear (4/12/00).

- Chemistry
Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Spear (5/24/00).

- French
Review is in progress. It will be continued in fall 2000.

II. Graduate Group Reviews²

- Health and Medical Sciences
Review is in progress. Correspondence forwarded to Dean Penhoet of the School of Public Health (12/17/99).

¹ Not all departmental reviews were completed during the 1999-2000 academic year. For more information about individual reviews, please refer to the final letters sent to departments.

² Not all graduate group reviews were completed during the 1999-2000 academic year. For more information about individual reviews, please refer to the final letters sent to groups.

- Biophysics
Comments forwarded to Group Chair Isacoff (12/6/99).
- Latin American Studies
Comments forwarded to Group Chair Johns (12/14/99).
- Microbiology
In progress. Additional self-review materials received (6/16/00).
- Comparative Biochemistry
Comments forwarded to Group Chair Kirsch and Group Executive Committee Chair Jap (4/18/00).
- Agricultural and Environmental Chemistry
Pending.
- Biostatistics
Pending.

III. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

- Proposed name changes for academic units
 - Department of Materials Science and Mineral Engineering (to the Department of Materials Science and Engineering).
Approval forwarded to Senate Chair Spear (9/22/99).
 - Department of Geology and Geophysics (to the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences)
Approval forwarded to Senate Chair Spear (9/23/99).³
 - Department of Nutritional Sciences (to the Department of Nutritional Sciences and Toxicology)
Approval forwarded to Senate Chair Spear (4/4/00).
- Proposals for the development of a new law school at UC Riverside and a new pharmacy school at UC San Diego
The GC declined to comment (10/20/99 via e-mail). The proposals were distributed as an informational item at the October 18, 1999 meeting.
- Proposed revision to Senate Regulation 544

³ Chair Lindow announced that DIVCO approved a later request by the department to change its name to Earth and Planetary Science (versus Sciences) (2/14/00 meeting).

Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Spear (11/8/99).

- Proposal for new graduate group and graduate degree programs in Molecular Toxicology
Comments forwarded to Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost (EVCP) Christ (12/3/99).
- Emergency accommodations for students
Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Spear (11/17/99 via e-mail).
- Report of the five-year review of the UC Systemwide Biotechnology Research and Education Program (BREP)
Comments forwarded to Vice Chancellor-Research Cerny (1/15/00).
- Proposal for the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology
Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Spear (2/25/00).
- Proposed new section in the Academic Personnel Manual, APM 358, Faculty Fellows Program
Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Spear (3/15/00 via e-mail).
- Proposed establishment of B.S. program in Computational Engineering Science
The GC declined to comment in a memo to Senate Chair Spear (3/17/00).
- Campus multi-year fellowship regulations
Comments forwarded to Graduate Division Dean Cerny (4/5/00).
- Graduate Fellowship Support
The GC met with Vice Chancellor-University Relations McQuade to discuss the need for greater fundraising for graduate student support (4/10/00 meeting). The GC followed up with a letter to VC McQuade (5/24/00).
- Proposal for a joint Ph.D. degree program in Sociology and Demography
Approval forwarded to EVCP Christ (5/19/00).
- Name change for undergraduate degrees in Earth and Planetary Sciences
The committee declined to comment (5/2/00 via e-mail).

- Letter to Chancellor Berdahl from students in the Graduate Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology (4/7/00)
The GC wrote a response to the students since Chair Lindow was copied on the letter to Chancellor Berdahl (7/31/00).

B. Completed without Written Comment

- Non-academic careers for Ph.D. recipients
Maresi Nerad, Director of Graduate Research in the Graduate Division, gave a presentation about research she and Dean Cerny conducted about the career paths of Ph.D. recipients. She also discussed a workshop she developed to demonstrate to doctoral candidates' career possibilities that exist outside academia and how to prepare for a non-academic career (9/20/99 meeting).
- Affirmative Action Adviser
The Graduate Council issued a memo that was sent to department chairs, head graduate advisers, and graduate affirmative action advisers. The memo stated that all fellowship recommendations for diversity applicants must be signed by the affirmative action adviser as well as by the head graduate adviser in each department (10/18/99 meeting).
- Authorship credit in collaborative faculty-student publications
The GC endorsed the suggestion that Chair Lindow and Associate Dean Duggan distribute a memo to departments and graduate groups that had not responded to an earlier request from Graduate Division that they provide the standards for listing students as joint authors on publications with faculty. It was agreed that the memo would stipulate that if they did not submit standards by which appeals would be judged, a standard would be assigned (10/18/99 meeting).
- Postdoctoral fellow grievance procedure
Verbally endorsed (10/18/99 meeting).
- Postdocs in the Life Sciences
The GC examined this issue in the wake of concern by the National Research Council that universities were awarding more Ph.D. degrees in the life sciences than there were jobs available. After surveying life science departments on campus, members concluded that such a problem did not exist at UC Berkeley (10/18/99 meeting). Chair Lindow thanked responding departments via letter (11/15/99).

- Proposal to convert In-Candidacy Fee Offset Grants (ICFOG) to departmental block grant allocations or a limited number of dissertation-year fellowships
The GC approved this revision at its November 15, 1999 meeting. They requested a report in three years about whether or not a large number of students left graduate school after receiving the stipend.
- After-hours access to facilities for graduate students
GC members concluded that graduate students should have unlimited key access to relevant departmental buildings and facilities, such as department libraries, computer rooms, and photocopy rooms. The GC wrote a letter to Vice Chancellor-Business and Administrative Services Mitchell and Graduate Dean Mason that stated their concerns and suggested that such a policy be established (7/31/00).

IV. Unfinished Business

- California Residency Requirements
Committee members continued discussion of this item from the 1998-99 academic year. The committee met with Janet Hoehn, Coordinator – Paralegal Program at the UC Office of the President (UCOP) and Melvin Beal, University Counsel at UCOP, at its December 13, 1999 meeting to discuss the GC’s concerns. The GC also met with Susie Castillo-Robson, the UC Berkeley Registrar, at its March 13, 2000 meeting. She summarized the residency concerns in a letter to the GC (4/3/00). The GC wrote a responding letter (4/24/00). Discussion will continue during fall 2000. The GC will also continue to monitor the situation.
- Proposed name change for the Graduate Group in Science, Mathematics, and Education (to the Graduate Group in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Education)
The Graduate Council requested additional information in a letter to Professor Gifford, co-chair of the group (3/3/00). Once the GC receives the additional information, it will act upon the proposal. The GC had not received a response as of summer 2000.
- Exchange program between Haas School of Business and Columbia Business School
The GC reviewed this exchange program during the late fall and spring semesters. As of the end of the spring semester, a final report was in progress, and it remained to be determined if the Academic Senate’s Committee on Courses of Instruction would review grade appeals of students enrolled in the exchange program. This item will be continued during the fall 2000 semester.
- Proposal for a Master of Advanced Study (MAS) in Dietetics

Letter sent to Professor Leonard Bjeldanes and Program Director Nancy Hudson requesting additional information and stating the need for more time for review since this is the first proposal at UC Berkeley for a MAS degree program (6/15/00). Discussion will continue in fall 2000.

- **Impact of Clustering on Graduate Advising and Assistance**
The GC discussed this item throughout the year. Members were periodically updated. At the May 8th meeting, members decided to undertake a review of the clustering process in fall 2000. At that time the GC should look at all graduate group reviews, exit data, and other items as they come up. The GC wrote a letter of invitation to Dean Hexter to meet with them in the fall to discuss their concerns (7/31/00). Dean Hexter agreed to meet with the GC at its October 9, 2000 meeting.
- **Graduate student housing at Albany Village**
It came to the committee's attention that demolition and construction of graduate student housing at Albany Village may result in higher rents for students. The GC requested that a member be appointed to the Life Cycle Committee, administered by Housing and Dining Services and involved in decision-making about Albany Village. Professor Hanemann was appointed. Discussion will resume in fall 2000.
- **Summary statement arising from graduate group reviews**
The summary statement, entitled "Graduate Council Global Report on Graduate Groups," was finalized during the summer of 2000; a copy is appended to this annual report. The committee will discuss its distribution during the fall 2000 semester.
- **Report of qualifying exam (QE) procedures in the Graduate Group in Logic and the Methodology of Science**
The GC is concerned that the qualifying exam procedures in the Graduate Group in Logic and Methodology of Science are not consistent with the Graduate Division's policy and procedures. Professor Lambert will research this issue and report to the GC during the fall 2000 semester.
- **Haas School of Business proposal for a concurrent MBA and MFE program**
This item was assigned to a subcommittee and will be discussed during the fall 2000 semester. Chair Lindow appointed Professor Mason to chair the subcommittee and Professor Mowery to be a member of the subcommittee.