2005-06 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 2005-06 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 Reviewed

- Department of Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Alice Agogino (9/26/05).

- Department of Industrial Engineering and Operations Research
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (11/18/05).

- Department of Sociology
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (11/18/05).

- Department of English
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (12/5/05).

- Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (5/9/06).

- Department of City and Regional Planning
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (5/9/06).

II. Graduate Group Reviews

- Graduate Group in Biostatistics
  Comments forwarded to Group Chair Nicholas Jewell (4/6/06). Response from Group requested by November 1, 2006.

- Graduate Group in Health Services and Policy Analysis
  Comments forwarded to Group Director Joan Bloom (5/15/06). Response from Group requested by December 15, 2006.

- Graduate Group in Epidemiology

1 Not all departmental reviews were completed during the 2005-06 academic year.
Comments forwarded to Group Head Arthur Reingold (5/19/06). Response from Group requested by December 15, 2006.

- Graduate Group in Applied Science and Technology
  Comments forwarded to Group Chair Peter Yu (5/22/06). Response from Group requested by December 15, 2006.

III. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

- Proposed Amendment to Berkeley Division Bylaw 37.B, Duties of the Graduate Council
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (9/15/05).

- Guide for the Review of Existing Instructional Programs/Units
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (10/12/05).

- Proposed Name Change for the School of Information Management and Systems
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (10/17/05).

- The GC responded to the following requests by departments to change their normative time.
  - Graduate Group in Asian Studies (11/14/05),
  - School of Social Welfare (4/11/06),
  - Department of Linguistics (4/11/06), and
  - Department of Architecture (4/11/06).

- Proposed Permanent Change to Self-Supporting Status for the LLM Program
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (12/13/05).

- Proposal for a Concurrent Master of Social Welfare/Master of Public Health
  Comments forwarded to Dean James Midgley of Social Welfare, Dean Steven Shortell of Public Health, Professor Barbara Abrams of Epidemiology, and Professor Lorraine Midanik of Social Welfare (12/20/05).

- Request by the Energy and Resources Graduate Group to Eliminate the Doctoral Foreign Language Requirement
  Comments forwarded to Group Chair William Nazaroff (3/6/06).

- Proposed Name Change for the School of Education
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (3/7/06).
• Request to Add a Notation for Designated Emphases on Diplomas
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (3/21/06).

• Minimum Computing Resources for Faculty and Instructors
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (3/28/06).

• Campus Support Model for Professional Degree Fees (PDF) Schools and Colleges
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (4/7/06).

• Implementation of Revised APM 210
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (4/7/06).

• Proposed Student Freedom of Scholarly Inquiry Principles
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (5/9/06).

• Proposed Job Description for a Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion
  The GC confirmed with Division Chair Agogino that it had no comment (5/10/06).

• Proposal for a Designated Emphasis in Energy, Science, and Technology
  Approval forwarded to Professor Lutgard DeJonghe (5/22/06).

B. Completed without Written Comment

• Amendments to Graduate Council Appendix I Bylaws
  The Graduate Council approved amendments to its committee bylaws that are filed in Appendix I of the Division Manual (9/12/05 meeting).

• Graduate Student Mental Health and Faculty Advising
  Susan Bell, Coordinator of Outreach and Consultation at University Health Services, Jenny Hyun, a graduate student in the School of Public Health, and Jenni Buckley, a graduate student in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, spoke about mental health issues for graduate students and the role that faculty advisors can play in addressing those issues (10/10/05 meeting).

• Standard-Setting Process for Test of English as a Foreign Language
  The GC endorsed the adoption of minimum TOEFL scores recommended by the Graduate Division for admission and graduate student instructor appointments. The GC requested that Associate Dean Duggan report on the results next year (10/10/05 meeting).

• Presentation on Graduate Fellowships
Moira Perez, Director of Fellowships and Academic Appointments at the Graduate Division, summarized the process of awarding graduate fellowships (12/5/05 meeting).

• Presentation on Childcare Services for Graduate Students
  Gail Ward, director of the campus’s childcare programs, provided an overview of the campus’s childcare services, particularly for graduate students (2/6/06 meeting).

• Final Report of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Best Practices in Mentoring Research Graduate Students
  The GC endorsed this report (3/6/06 meeting).

• Presentation on Joint Ed.D. Programs and California State Universities
  Professor Bernard Gifford, director of the Joint Doctoral Program in Leadership for Educational Equity, discussed joint doctoral programs between UC and CSU (4/3/06 meeting).

IV. Unfinished Business

• Graduate Council Review of Plan II Master’s Project Requirements
  At its 12/5/05 meeting, GC members endorsed the suggestion that Graduate Division conduct a survey regarding academic units’ requirements for the master’s degree project. This item was carried over to the fall 2006 semester.

• Revision of the Graduate Council’s Guidelines for Service on the Qualifying Exam
  This item was carried over to the fall 2006 semester.

• Subcommittee to Develop Criteria for Graduate Specializations
  Professors Michael Hanemann and Fiona Doyle agreed to serve on this subcommittee. This item was carried over to the fall 2006 semester.