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 2009-10 was Professor Ronald Cohen. A roster of the Graduate Council and its standing committees is attached as Appendix A.

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

I. Departments Reviewed

- Department of Comparative Literature
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Christopher Kutz (9/14/09).

- Department of Rhetoric
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (9/22/09).

- Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (10/12/09).

- Department of Anthropology
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (10/28/09).

- Department of Near Eastern Studies
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (11/30/09).

- Department of Italian Studies
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (12/2009).

- Department of Ethnic Studies
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (2/8/10).

- Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (2/12/10).

- Department of Earth and Planetary Science
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (2/12/10).

- Department of Architecture
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (3/15/10).

II. Graduate Group Reviews

- Graduate Group in Ethnic Studies
Comments forwarded to Group Chair Thomas Biolsi (9/14/09). Response from Group requested by 4/1/10.

• Graduate Group in Infectious Diseases and Immunity Comments forwarded to Group Chair Richard Stephens (1/26/10). Response from Group requested by 7/15/10.

• Graduate Group in Health and Medical Sciences Comments forwarded to Group Director John Swartzberg (3/19/10). Response from Group requested by 10/1/10.

• Graduate Group in Buddhist Studies Comments forwarded to Group Director Robert Sharf (3/19/10). Response from Group requested by 10/1/10.

• Graduate Group in Romance Languages and Literatures Comments forwarded to Group Chair Timothy Hampton and others (5/27/10). Response from Group requested by 12/15/10.

• Graduate Group in Latin American Studies Comments forwarded to Group Chair Estelle Tarica (5/28/10). Response from Group requested by 12/15/10.

III. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

• Proposed revised guidelines and formats for certificates Comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (9/8/09).

• Request to eliminate foreign language requirement for Ph.D. in Jurisprudence and Social Policy Comments forwarded to Associate Dean Jonathan Simon (9/17/09).

• Request to grant summer LL.M. degrees Comments forwarded to Vice Provost-Academic Affairs and Faculty Welfare Sheldon Zedeck (10/14/09).

• Proposal for a Ph.D. in Film and Media and proposal to create a Department of Film and Media Comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (11/20/09).

• Proposed name change for the Department of Chemical Engineering Comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (11/23/09).

• Report of the Senate Special Committee on Online and Remote Instruction and Residency Comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (12/9/09).
• UC Berkeley Strategic Plan for Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (12/15/09).

• Proposed revisions to requirements for M.A. and Ph.D. in Linguistics
  Comments forwarded to Head Graduate Advisor Gary Holland (2/17/10).

• Proposed revision to the Professional Degree Fee policy
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (2/18/10).

• Request to change number of credits required for Master of Public Policy
  Comments forwarded to Graduate Advisor Jane Mauldon (3/19/10).

• Request to change normative time for Ph.D. in Rhetoric
  Comments forwarded to Department Chair Marianne Constable (4/30/10).

• Request to change the foreign language requirement for Ph.D. in Demography and Ph.D. in Sociology/Demography
  Comments forwarded to Graduate Advisor John Wilmoth (4/30/10).

• Proposed revisions to the Compendium
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (5/6/10).

• Recommendations from UC Commission on the Future working groups
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (5/10/10).

• Additional recommendations from UC Commission on the Future working groups
  Informal comments forwarded to Division Chair Kutz (7/15/10)

B. Completed without Written Comment
• Create Option 3 for completing foreign language requirement for doctoral students
  The GC approved the creation of option 3 for completing the foreign language requirement at the 4/5/10 meeting. Option 3 is like option 1, but only one language is required. The requests from Demography and Demography/Sociology (see previous section) were approved under Option 3, as were the requests approved previously from Mathematics and Applied Mathematics.

• Request to approve electronic submission of dissertations
  The GC approved the electronic submission of dissertations at its 10/12/09 meeting but with provisions intended to protect students from plagiarism. Specifically, the GC noted that the default for open access to electronic dissertations should be delayed for one-and-one-half to two years and students should be able to extend the length of withholding time for open
electronic access in consultation with their advisors by completing a form to be developed by the Graduate Division.

- Proposal by the Educational Testing Service for Personal Potential Index
  At its 11/9/09 meeting, the GC agreed to forgo comment on the proposed index and let departments decide if they want to require it.

- GPA Requirement for Graduate Student Instructors and Graduate Student Researchers
  At its 11/9/09 meeting, the GC approved the request by the Graduate Division to establish 3.0 as the minimum required grade point average for GSIs and GSRs, effective as of spring 2010.

- Sarlo Distinguished Graduate Student Mentoring Award Recipients
  At its 3/8/10 meeting, the GC endorsed Louise Fortmann (Professor of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management) and Kent Lightfoot (Professor of Anthropology) as recipients of the 2010 Sarlo Distinguished Graduate Student Mentoring Award for UC Berkeley Faculty and Mark Healey (Assistant Professor of History) as the recipient of the 2010 Sarlo Distinguished Graduate Student Mentoring Award for UC Berkeley Junior Faculty.

- Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship and Doctoral Completion Fellowship
  At its 3/8/10 meeting, the GC considered concerns raised by graduate students regarding the replacement of the Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship with the Doctoral Completion Fellowship.

- Questionnaire for Self-Supporting Degree Programs
  At its 4/5/10 meeting, the GC discussed the questions posed in a questionnaire distributed by the Task Force on Self-Supporting Degree Programs, co-chaired by GC Chair Cohen and Graduate Division Dean Andrew Szeri.

- Amendment to Graduate Council Policy regarding tenured graduate advisors
  At its 5/3/10 meeting, the GC approved a request from the Graduate Division to amend GC policy on graduate advisors to allow non-tenured assistant professors to be appointed as graduate advisors.

IV. Unfinished Business

- Proposal for a Master of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
  The GC did not approve this proposal as submitted. The GC forwarded comments on the proposal in a 5/7/10 letter to Professors Stuart Russell, Department Chair, and David Messerschmidt.
APPENDIX A
GRADUATE COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEES
2009-2010

Graduate Council
Ronald Cohen, Chemistry/Earth & Planetary Science (EPS), Chair
Dru Dougherty, Spanish & Portuguese, Vice Chair
Albert Ascoli, Italian Studies (fall 2009 only)
Gian Garriga, Molecular & Cell Biology (MCB)
Rosemary Joyce, Anthropology
Maureen Miller, History
Martin Olsson, Mathematics
Susan Rasky, Journalism
Jeffrey Romm, Environmental Science, Policy, & Management (ESPM)/Agricultural &
    Environmental Economics (fall 2009 only)
Whendee Silver, ESPM
Ira Tager, Public Health
Elliot Turiel, Education
Marvalee Wake, Integrative Biology
Tarek Zohdi, Mechanical Engineering

Student Members:
Pamela Berkeley, Mechanical Engineering
Gwyneth Harrison-Shermoen, Mathematics
Corinne Scown, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Samveg Saxena, Mechanical Engineering, Alternate

Ex officio:
Christopher Kutz, Law, Division Chair (non-voting)
Andrew Szeri, Dean, Graduate Division

By invitation:
Joseph Duggan, Associate Dean, Graduate Division
Carlos Fernandez-Pello, Associate Dean, Graduate Division
Susan Muller, Associate Dean, Graduate Division

Administrative Committee
Andrew Szeri, Dean, Graduate Division, Chair
Ronald Cohen, Chair, Graduate Council
Dru Dougherty, Spanish & Portuguese
Maureen Miller, History
Susan Rasky, Journalism
Ira Tager, Public Health
Marvalee Wake, Integrative Biology

Fellowships and Graduate Scholarships
Carlos Fernandez-Pello, Associate Dean, Graduate Division, Chair
Nezar AlSayyad, Architecture/City & Regional Planning
Emily Bergmann, Spanish & Portuguese
Deborah Blocker, French
Michelle Chang, Chemistry
Douglas Dreger, EPS
Robin Einhorn, History
Peter Evans, Sociology
Marian Feldman, Near Eastern Studies
Gary Holland, Linguistics
Roberto Horowitz, Mechanical Engineering
Daniela Kaufer, Integrative Biology
Alexander Katz, Chemical Engineering
Dorian Liepmann, Bioengineering
Xin Liu, Anthropology
Rodolfo Mendoza-Denton, Psychology
Na’ilah Nasir, Education
Maura Nolan, English
Irina Paperno, Slavic Languages & Literature
Jaijeet Roychowdhury, Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences
Whendee Silver, ESPM
Alistair Sinclair, Computer Science
Bernd Sturmfels, Mathematics
Ula Taylor, African American Studies
Richard Taruskin, Music
Karsten Weis, MCB

Consultants:
Corinne Kosmitzki, Graduate Services Director, Graduate Division
Maria Loza, Assistant Director, Graduate Division

Foerster Lectures on the Immortality of the Soul
Stanley Brandes, Anthropology, Chair
John Efron, History
Susanna Elm, History
Anthony Long, Classics
George Sensabaugh, Public Health

Charles M. and Martha Hitchcock Professorship
William Lester, Chemistry, Chair
Joseph Cerny, Chemistry
Mary Comerio, Architecture
Karen DeValois, Vision Science
Stuart J. Freedman, Physics
Mary Ann Mason, Social Welfare
Jack Welch, Astronomy
Andrew Szeri, Dean, Graduate Division, ex officio

Howison Lectures in Philosophy
R. Jay Wallace, Philosophy, Chair
John Campbell, Philosophy
Hubert Dreyfus, Philosophy
Alison Gopnik, Psychology
Christopher Kutz, Law/JSP (fall 2009 only)

Jefferson Memorial Lectures
Harry Scheiber, Law/JSP, Chair
K.T. Albiston, Sociology/Law
Waldo Martin, History
Gordon Silverstein, Political Science
Sarah Song, Law/Political Science
Ronald Cohen, Chair, Graduate Council, ex officio

Barbara Weinstock Memorial Lectures on the Morals of Trade
Karlene Roberts, Business Administration, Chair
Stephen Cohen, City & Regional Planning
Rui de Figueiredo, Business Administration/Political Science
John Harte, Energy and Resources

Interdisciplinary Committee
Joseph Duggan, Associate Dean, Graduate Division, Chair
Maureen Miller, History
Whendee Siliver, ESPM
Tarek Zohdi, Mechanical Engineering (interim appointment)

Advisory Committee for GSI Affairs
Jeffrey Reimer, Chemical Engineering, Chair
Martin Covington, Psychology
Robert Jacobsen, Physics
Rosemary Joyce, Anthropology, Graduate Council liaison
Panos Papadopoulos, Mechanical Engineering
Susan J. Muller, Associate Dean, Graduate Division

Student Members:
Holly Maness, Astronomy
Jennifer Malkowski, Film Studies

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