

**APPROVED**

**2016-17 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 2016-17 was Professor Whendee Silver. 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. Academic Program Reviews**

- School of Journalism  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Robert Powell (09/16/16)*
- Department of Philosophy  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (10/05/16)*
- School of Public Health  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (10/28/16)*
- Department of Industrial Engineering and Operations Research  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (11/15/16)*
- Department of Psychology  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (02/21/17)*
- School of Information  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (03/09/17)*
- Department of Bioengineering  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (03/29/17)*

**II. Graduate Group Reviews**

- Graduate Group in Logic and Methodology of Science  
*Comments forwarded to Chair Paolo Mancosu (03/20/17)*
- Graduate Group in Asian Studies  
*Comments forwarded to Chair Aihwa Ong (03/21/17)*
- Designated Emphasis in New Media  
*Comments forwarded to Chair Nicholas de Monchaux (04/05/17)*
- Graduate Group in Endocrinology  
*Comments forwarded to Chair Gary Firestone (04/07/17)*

- Graduate Group in Bioengineering  
*Comments forwarded to Ph.D. Program Vice Chair John Dueber (05/15/17)*

### III. Finished Business

#### A. Completed with Written Comment

- Straw Proposal re: Endowment Minima  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (09/22/16)*
- Proposal for Revisions to MA in International and Area Studies Degree  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell and Graduate Group in International and Area Studies Chair Maximilian Auffhammer (09/28/16)*
- Request to Suspend Two Provisions of the 2010 Campus Guidelines on Self-Supporting Degree Programs  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (10/17/16)*
- Proposal for New Degree (Master of Real Estate Development and Design (MRED+D))  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (11/14/16)*
- Proposal for New Degree (Master of Information and Cyber Security (MICS))  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (11/14/16)*
- Proposed Revision of Regents Policies on Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST)  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (11/30/16)*
- Proposal to Amend Senate Bylaw 182 on the University Committee on International Education  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (11/30/16)*
- Proposal for New Degree (Master of Molecular Science and Software Engineering (MSSE))  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (12/19/16)*
- Proposal for Certificate in Global Urban Humanities  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (12/19/16)*
- Draft Housing Master Plan Task Force Report  
*Comments forwarded to Graduate Division Dean Fiona Doyle (02/09/17)*
- Haas Request to Allow SSGPDP Students in the EWMBA Program to Enroll in Courses During Regular Hours of Instruction  
*Comments forwarded to Dean Richard Lyons and Associate Dean Candace Yano (02/13/17)*

- Four-year Review of Online/On-campus Master of Public Health (OOMPH) Degree  
*Comments forwarded to School of Public Health Director of Online Education Sylvia Ventura (05/12/17)*
- Reports from the Incentives Working Group  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (05/26/17)*

#### **B. Completed without Written Comment**

- Draft New Presidential Policy on International Activities  
*This policy was discussed at the 10/03/16 meeting.*
- Data Science Planning Initiative Faculty Advisory Board Report  
*This report was discussed at the 10/03/16 meeting.*
- Proposed Criteria for Discontinuance of Designated Emphases  
*This request was approved at the 12/05/16 meeting.*
- Proposal to Create a Fourth Track in the LLM Program  
*This proposal was approved at the 02/06/17 meeting.*
- Proposal to Disestablish the DE in Communication, Computation, and Statistics  
*This proposal was approved at the 02/06/17 meeting.*
- Recipients of the Carol D. Soc Distinguished Graduate Student Mentoring Awards  
*The following recipients were approved at the 03/06/17 meeting: Assistant Professor Scott Moura of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering for the award for junior faculty, and Professors David Card of the Department of Economics and James Vernon of the Department of History for the awards for senior faculty.*
- Proposal to Discontinue the DE in Nanoscale Science and Engineering  
*This proposal was approved at the 04/03/17 meeting.*
- Declines in Graduate Student Funding  
*This topic was discussed at the 04/03/17 meeting.*
- Proposed Changes in the Curriculum for the MS in Health and Medical Sciences  
*This request was approved at the 05/08/17 meeting.*

#### **IV. Unfinished Business**

- Request to Change Minimum Units for the MPH  
*This request was reviewed at the 05/08/17 meeting. Further information was requested.*

- GSI Training and Policies  
*This topic was discussed at the 05/08/17 meeting. Discussion will resume in the fall.*
- Joint Administrative-Academic Senate Task Force on Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDPs)  
*GC Chair Silver and Graduate Division Dean Doyle gave updates on this Task Force throughout the year. GC will review the report of the Task Force in the fall.*

**APPENDIX A**  
**GRADUATE COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEES**  
**2016-17**

**Graduate Council**

Whendee Silver, ESPM, Chair  
John Battles, ESPM, Vice Chair (fall only)  
Eric Falci, English, Vice Chair (beginning spring 2017)  
Wendy Brown, Political Science  
Silvia Bunge, Psychology  
Margaret Chowning, History  
Sandrine Dudoit, Public Health  
Michael Iarocci, Spanish & Portuguese  
Philip Kaminsky, IEOR  
Holger Mueller, Physics  
Daniel Neumark, Chemistry  
Matthew Potts, ESPM  
Ann Swidler, Sociology  
Alexander von Rospatt, South & Southeast Asian Studies (spring only)  
Jon Wilkening, Mathematics

*Student Members:*

Panayota Rigas, Nutritional Sciences and Toxicology  
Mary Shi, Sociology  
Sonia Travaglini, Mechanical Engineering

*Ex Officio:*

Fiona Doyle, Dean, Graduate Division  
Robert Powell, Division Chair, Academic Senate

*By Invitation:*

Kim Voss, Associate Dean, Graduate Division

**Administrative Committee**

Fiona Doyle, Dean, Graduate Division, Chair  
Whendee Silver, Chair, Graduate Council  
Margaret Chowning, History  
Sandrine Dudoit, Public Health  
Eric Falci, English  
Philip Kaminsky, IEOR

**Fellowships and Graduate Scholarships**

Susan Muller, Associate Dean, Graduate Division, Chair  
Yuriy Gorodnichenko, Economics  
Jake Kosek, Geography  
Leigh Raiford, African American Studies  
Cybelle Fox, Sociology  
Massimo Mazzotti, History  
Zeus Leonardo, Education  
Teresa Caldeira, City and Regional Planning  
Chelsea Specht, Plant and Microbial Biology

Duncan Callaway, ERG  
Maria Feller, Neurobiology  
Claire Kremen, ESPM  
Bonnie Wade, Music  
Emily Thornbury, English  
Paula Varsano, East Asian Languages and Cultures  
Natalia Brizuela, Spanish and Portuguese  
Frank Bezner, Comparative Literature/Classics  
Francesca Rochberg, Near Eastern Studies  
Eric Naiman, Slavic Languages and Literatures, Comparative Literature  
Alexander Katz, Chemical Engineering  
Tina Katopedes Chow, Civil Engineering  
Kameshwar Poolla, Mechanical Engineering  
Ali Javey, EECS  
Xin Guo, IEOR  
Jeffrey B. Neaton, Physics  
Dorian Liepmann, Bioengineering, Mechanical Engineering  
Per-Olof Persson, Mathematics

**Foerster Lectures on the Immortality of the Soul**

Paula Varsano, East Asian Languages and Cultures, Chair  
Jose Carmena, EECS  
Donna Jones, English  
Ron Hendel, Near Eastern Studies  
William Jagust, Neuroscience  
Yuri Slezkine, History

**Charles M. and Martha Hitchcock Professorship**

Vincent Resh, ESPM, Chair  
Gibor Basri, Astronomy  
Aaron Edlin, Law  
Grace O'Connell, Mechanical Engineering  
Tina Sacks, Social Welfare  
Fiona Doyle, Dean, Graduate Division, *ex officio*

**Howison Lectures in Philosophy**

John Campbell, Philosophy, Chair  
Laura Buchak, Philosophy  
Geoff Lee, Philosophy  
Tania Lombrozo, Psychology  
Sara Magrin, Classics

**Jefferson Memorial Lectures**

Dylan Penningroth, History, Chair  
Mark Brilliant, History  
Paul Pierson, Political Science  
Karen Tani, Law  
Chris Tomlins, Law  
Whendee Silver, Chair, Graduate Council, *ex officio*

**Barbara Weinstock Memorial Lectures on the Morals of Trade**

Rui de Figueiredo, Business Administration/Political Science, Chair

Christopher Ansell, Political Science  
Isha Ray, Energy and Resources  
Michael Watts, Geography  
Steven Weber, School of Information/Political Science

**Advisory Committee for GSI Affairs**

Jeffrey Reimer, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, Chair  
Eric Falci, English, GC liaison  
Lewis Feldman, Plant & Microbial Biology  
Terry Johnson, Bioengineering  
Jane Mauldon, Public Policy  
Laura Stoker, Political Science  
Kim Voss, Associate Dean, Graduate Division

*Student Members:*

Jess Cordes Selbin, English  
Sonia Travaglini, Mechanical Engineering

**Advisory Committee for Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Professional Development**

Silvia Bunge, Psychology, Graduate Council liaison  
Chris Chang, Chemistry/MCB  
Eric Falci, English, Advisory Committee for GSI Affairs liaison  
Tim Hampton, French  
Kim Voss, Sociology  
Kate Scheibel, PMB graduate student  
Johannes Schoeneberg, MCB postdoctoral student  
Aaron Smyth, Legal Studies graduate student