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February 20, 2014

WILLIAM JACOB
Chair, Academic Council

Subject: Draft policy on professional degree supplemental tuition

Dear Bill,

On February 10, 2014, the Divisional Council (DIVCO) of the Berkeley Division discussed the draft policy on professional degree supplemental tuition (PDST), informed by reports of our divisional committees on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation, Educational Policy, Status of Women and Ethnic Minorities (SWEM), and Graduate Council.

The discussion in DIVCO echoed key points in the report of our Graduate Council, which is appended in its entirety.

Two additional issues came to the fore during our discussion. First, we joined SWEM in applauding the “enhanced attention given to questions of access and diversity as compared to the current version of the policy.” Second, we noted concern that the uniformity of expectations with respect to reporting does not reflect the variability of the size of the fees and programs covered by the policy. This underscores the need to think carefully about the “data collection, analysis and consultation requirements” as noted by Graduate Council in its commentary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth Deakin'.

Elizabeth Deakin
Chair, Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate
Professor of City and Regional Planning

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Cc: Nancy Wallace, Chair, Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation
Ronald Cohen, Chair, Committee on Educational Policy

Nicholas Paige, Chair, Committee on the Status of Women and Ethnic Minorities
Mark Stacey, Chair, Graduate Council
Martha Winnacker, Executive Director, Academic Senate
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February 6, 2014

PROFESSOR ELIZABETH DEAKIN
Chair, Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate

*Re: Proposed changes to Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST)
policy and implementation protocols*

Dear Chair Deakin,

The Graduate Council (GC) discussed the proposed changes to PDST policy and implementation protocols at its February 3, 2014 meeting. Members appreciated the task force's work to create a standard protocol by which academic units could propose a PDST level and request changes, which includes ample opportunity for student and faculty input and provides a standard timeline for preparing and submitting the proposal. There was also support for the multi-year perspective that the proposed policy takes in the review of PDST requests, which provides predictability for students.

It was unclear to members, though, if units would be required to submit a proposal every three years, regardless of whether or not the PDST changes, or if units could submit a proposal to establish a PDST level for, say, five years. The policy and protocols ought to be clear on this point. If units must re-submit a proposal every three years even if the PDST does not change, then the policy and implementation protocols should be clear that failure to re-submit a proposal means the elimination of the PDST after three years.

Assuming that units must submit a PDST proposal every three years, members were concerned that the data collection, analysis and consultation requirements were so great as to require units to constantly be in a process of preparing a proposal or unintentionally encourages *pro forma* responses. An alternative would be to offer a streamlined process for units who do not want to increase their PDST level for the next three-year period or to lengthen the time period for submission of new plans beyond three years.

Members agreed that the 33% return-to-aid was appropriate, but noted that the details of how that financial aid is distributed necessarily varies between departments, schools and

campuses due to variations in students' financial need, or even in the ability to assess that need, and that this flexibility serves academic units well in admitting diverse and excellent cohorts of students. The GC thus believes that it is important that individual academic units continue to determine how they distribute financial aid among students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Stacey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark Stacey
Chair, Graduate Council