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 2018-19 was Professor John Battles. 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

- Department of City and Regional Planning
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Barbara Spackman (10/02/18)

- Department of Astronomy
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (10/12/18)

- Department of Near Eastern Studies
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (10/22/18)

- Department of Mathematics
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (02/19/19)

- School of Law
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (03/12/19)

II. Graduate Group Reviews

- Graduate Group in Microbiology
  Comments forwarded to Chair John Coates (03/07/19)

- Graduate Group in Comparative Biochemistry
  Comments forwarded to Chair Fenyong Liu (03/07/19)

- Graduate Group in Women, Gender, and Sexuality (DE)
  Comments forwarded to Director Leslie Salzinger (04/08/19)

III. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

- Campus Strategic Planning Reports
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (10/04/18)

- Proposal for new certificate: Certificate in Business Analytics
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (10/05/18)
• Proposal for the Division of Information and Data Science (DIADS)
  Proposal shared by email only. Comments forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (10/19/18).

• Proposal for new degree: Master of Design
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (11/08/18)

• Proposal to discontinue the M.A. and Ph.D. in Latin American Studies and to disestablish the Graduate Group in Latin American Studies
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (01/24/19)

• Second Systemwide review of Proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (02/20/19)

• Master of Information and Data Science (MIDS) four-year review
  Report forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (03/11/19)

• ASUC proposal to make Election Day a non-instructional day
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (03/21/19)

• Envisioning the future of graduate education at UC Berkeley
  Statement shared with incoming Vice Provost of Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate Division Lisa García Bedolla (04/03/19) and others.

• Proposal to change the foreign language requirement for the Ph.D. in German
  Approval forwarded to Head Graduate Advisor Chenxi Tang (04/08/19)

• Proposal for new certificate: Certificate in Applied Data Science
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (04/09/19)

• ASUC request for greater student representation in Academic Senate committees
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (04/10/19)

• Proposal for new concurrent degree: Master of Business Administration/Master of Engineering (MBA/MEng)
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (05/09/19)

• Report of the Academic Senate Task Force on Micro-credentials
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (05/09/19)

• Trends in courses and quality of undergraduate education
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (05/09/19)

• Reports on the Campus Strategic Plan Signature Initiatives
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Spackman (05/09/19)
B. Completed without Written Comment

- Data from applicants for graduate admission available to departments
  *This issue was discussed at 09/10/18 meeting.*

- Amendment to GC bylaws
  GC amended its bylaws to codify that the Chair of the Graduate Council sits ex officio on the Administrative Committee along with four other members. *This amendment was approved at the 10/01/18 meeting.*

- GC Advisory Committee for GSI Affairs
  Professor Lew Feldman, fall chair of the Committee, joined the 10/01/18 meeting to talk about the committee's work and future directions.

- Policy regarding service of adjuncts as chairs of exam and dissertation committees
  *This issue was discussed at the 10/01/18 meeting.*

- Proposed revised Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment
  *This policy was discussed at the 11/05/18 meeting.*

- CCGA review of new degree proposals
  *This issue was discussed at the 11/05/18 and 12/03/18 meetings*

- New procedures for three-year review of self-supporting professional graduate programs (SSGPDPs)
  *This issue was discussed on 12/03/18 and approved at the 02/04/19 meeting.*

- Update on Systemwide Senate issues
  Academic Council Chair Robert May and Vice Chair Kum-Kum Bhavnani attended the full meeting on 12/03/18 to provide updates on Systemwide Senate issues and to discuss issues of concern to GC.

- Recipients of the Carol D. Soc Distinguished Graduate Student Mentoring Awards
  The following recipients were approved at the 03/04/19 meeting: Assistant Professor Caitlin Rosenthal of the Department of History for the award for junior faculty, and Professor Masayoshi Tomizuka of the Department of Mechanical Engineering for the award for senior faculty.

- Getting Mentoring website
  Graduate Division Associate Dean Gail Brager announced the new mentoring website at the meeting on 03/04/19.

- Vision for graduate education
  EVCP Paul Alivisatos and members of the Faculty Leadership Academy attended the 04/01/19 meeting to discuss the vision statement drafted by a GC subcommittee.
• Expanding eligibility for the Carol D. Soc Award to non-Senate faculty
  (04/01/19)
  GC approved expanding eligibility at the 04/01/19 meeting.

• Proposal to amend the graduate application for admission
  GC approved the amendment to specify that the Statement of Purpose and Personal
  History must be written exclusively by the applicant, at the 05/06/19 meeting.

• Incoming Vice Provost of Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate
  Division
  Lisa García Bedolla attended the 05/06/19 meeting to discuss her plans and to learn
  about the GC's priorities.

• Changes to qualifying exam/dissertation committee policy
  GC approved policy changes related to the Academic Senate member, outside
  members, and HGA approval, at the meeting on 05/06/19. The changes will be
  implemented in fall 2019.

• Policy and procedures for academic misconduct cases for Ph.D. and academic
  master's students
  This issue was discussed at the 09/10/18, 02/04/19, and 05/06/19 meetings.

IV. Unfinished Business

None
APPENDIX A
GRADUATE COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEES
2018-19

Graduate Council
John Battles, ESPM, Chair
Elena Conis, Journalism, Vice Chair
Michael Boots, Integrative Biology
Shamik Dasgupta, Philosophy
Ian Duncn, English
Neil Gilbert, Social Welfare
Leslea Hlusko, Integrative Biology
Michael Iarocci, Spanish & Portuguese
Holger Mueller, Physics (spring only)
Nancy Peluso, ESPM (fall only) (fall CCGA rep)
Victoria Plaut, Law (fall only)
Jaijeet Roychowdhury, EECS
David Sraer, Business Administration
Jon Wilkening, Mathematics
Mark Wilson, Education (spring CCGA rep)
Ming Wu, EECS (spring only)
Fei Xu, Psychology

Student Members:
Dre Helmns, Mechanical Engineering (alternate)
Derrika Hunt, Education
Mary Shi, Sociology
Sonia Travaglini, Mechanical Engineering

Ex Officio:
Fiona Doyle, Dean, Graduate Division
Barbara Spackman, Division Chair, Academic Senate

By Invitation:
Gail Brager, Associate Dean, Graduate Division

Administrative Committee
Fiona Doyle, Dean, Graduate Division, Chair
John Battles, Chair, Graduate Council
Shamik Dasgupta, Philosophy
Ian Duncan, English
Leslea Hlusko, Integrative Biology
Jon Wilkening, Mathematics

Fellowships and Graduate Scholarships
Eric Falci, Associate Dean, Graduate Division, Chair
Leo Arriola, Political Science
Janake Bakhle, History
Suzanne Gahl, Linguistics
Cori Hayden, Anthropology
Jake Kosek, Geography
Jill Berrick, Social Welfare
Daniel Rodriguez, City and Regional Planning
Tina Trujillo, Education
Doris Bachtrog, Integrative Biology
Arash Komeili, PMB
Joseph Napoli, NST
Celine Pallud, ESPM
Isha Ray, ERG
Matthew Welch, MCB
Emilie Bergmann, Spanish and Portuguese
Mark Goble, English
Sara Magrin, Classics
Susan Maslan, French
Todd Olson, Art History
Miryam Sas, Comparative Literature/Film and Media
Winnie Wong, Rhetoric
Mina Aganagic, Physics
Felix Fischer, Chemistry
Ali Javey, EECS
Chung-Pei Ma, Astrophysics
Sara McMains, ME
Baoxia Mi, CEE
Elizabeth Purdom, Statistics
Per-Olof Persson, Mathematics
David Romps, EPS

Foerster Lectures on the Immortality of the Soul
Paula Varsano, East Asian Languages and Cultures, Chair
Ron Hendel, Near Eastern Studies
William Jagust, Neuroscience
Donna Jones, English
Jonathan Sheehan, 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

Jefferson Memorial Lectures
Chris Tomlins, Law, Chair
Mark Brilliant, History
Paul Pierson, Political Science
Russell Robinson, Law
Karen Tani, Law (on leave)
Barbara Spackman, Academic Senate Chair, ex officio

**Barbara Weinstock Memorial Lectures on the Morals of Trade**
Rui de Figueiredo, Business Administration/Political Science, Chair
Christopher Ansell, Political Science (fall 2018)
Jonas Meckling, ESPM
Isha Ray, Energy and Resources
Michael Watts, Geography
Steven Weber, School of Information/Political Science

**Advisory Committee for GSI Affairs**
Lewis Feldman, Plant & Microbial Biology, Chair (fall)
Lane Martin, Materials Science & Engineering, Chair (spring)
Michael Iarocci, Spanish & Portuguese, GC liaison
Jeffrey Reimer, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering
Laura Stoker, Political Science
Gail Brager, Associate Dean, Graduate Division
Noah Katznelson, Education, Graduate Student
Sonia Travaglini, Mechanical Engineering, Graduate Student

**Advisory Committee for Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Professional Development**
Elena Conis, Journalism, Chair/GC Liaison
Eric Falci, Associate Dean, Graduate Division
Arash Komeili, Plant and Microbial Biology
James Vernon, History
Caleb Dawson, Education, Graduate Student
Alicia Roy, German, Graduate Student
Johannes Schoneberg, Postdoctoral Student