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 2019-20 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 German
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Oliver O'Reilly (10/16/19)

- Department of Anthropology
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair O'Reilly (11/05/19)

- Department of Rhetoric
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair O'Reilly (02/13/20)

- Department of Comparative Literature
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair O'Reilly (02/19/20)

- Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair O'Reilly (04/10/20)

II. Graduate Group Reviews

- Graduate Group in Folklore
  Comments forwarded to Chair Charles Briggs (03/25/20)

- Graduate Group in Development Practice
  Comments forwarded to Chair David Zilberman (05/06/20)

- Graduate Group in Biostatistics
  Comments forwarded to Co-chairs Maya Petersen and Mark van der Laan (05/19/20)

- Graduate Group in Buddhist Studies
  Comments forwarded to Chair Alexander von Rospatt (05/19/20)
III. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

- Revision to Berkeley Division Bylaw 37A – Graduate Council Membership
  Proposal forwarded to Division Chair O’Reilly (09/16/20)

- Request for waiver from TOEFL requirement for MPA program applicants
  Approval forwarded to MPA Faculty Director Jane Mauldon (09/16/19)

- Proposed revision to BDR A204 (P/NP, S/U grades)
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair O’Reilly (10/08/20)

- Master of Information and Cyber Security (MICS) 1st annual report
  Comments forwarded to School of Information Head John Chuang (10/16/19)

- Proposal for new Designated Emphasis: Sociology of Organizations and Markets
  Approval forwarded to Haas School of Business Dean Ann Harrison and Department of Sociology Chair Sandra Smith (10/17/19)

- Proposed revised Presidential Policy on Copyright Ownership
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair O’Reilly (10/30/19)

- On-Campus/Online Professional Master of Public Health (OOMPH) 6th annual report
  Comments forwarded to OOMPH Director Deborah Barnett (12/17/20)

- Proposed revised policy on Appointments and Mentoring of Graduate Student Instructors
  Approval forwarded to Advisory Committee for GSI Affairs Chair Lane Martin (12/20/19)

- Strategic Plan Signature Initiatives: responses to Senate comments and revised reports
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair O’Reilly (01/21/20)

- Report on the Future of Graduate Education at UC Berkeley (Report of the Faculty Leadership Academy)
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair O’Reilly (01/22/20)
• Proposal for new degree: Master of Development Engineering
  *Approval forwarded to Division Chair O'Reilly (01/24/20)*

• Current State Assessment Report and Proposal for Future State for the UC Washington Center
  *Report forwarded to Division Chair O'Reilly (02/05/20)*

• Assessing Departmental Efforts to Mentor GSIs; Professional Development Questions for Academic Program Review
  *These two documents, proposed by the Advisory Committee for GSI Affairs and the Advisory Committee for Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Professional Development, respectively, were forwarded to Vice Provost for Academic Planning Lisa Alvarez-Cohen for inclusion in the Academic Program Review guide (02/06/20).*

• Proposal to change foreign language requirement for the PhD in Rhetoric
  *Approval forwarded to Rhetoric Head Graduate Advisor James Porter (02/12/20)*

• Master of Public Affairs program three-year review
  *Report forwarded to Division Chair O'Reilly (02/12/20)*

• Proposal for new Designated Emphasis: Study of Religion
  *Approval forwarded to Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures Interim Chair Mark Csikszentmihalyi (03/04/20)*

• Strategic Plan Signature Initiative Draft Report: Lighting the Way to the Public Research University of the Future
  *Comments forwarded to Division Chair O'Reilly (03/11/20)*

• Proposal to discontinue the Master of Advanced Studies in Integrated Circuits (MAS-IC)
  *Approval forwarded to Division Chair O'Reilly (03/25/20)*

• Proposal for a simple name change for the LEEP EdD
  *Approval forwarded to Division Chair O'Reilly (03/25/20)*

• Proposed Presidential Policy on Gender Recognition and Lived Name
  *Comments forwarded to Division Chair O'Reilly (04/10/20)*

• Request for temporary extension of semester cap on GSI appointments
  *Comments forwarded to CCGA Chair Ramesh Balasubramaniam (04/23/20; approved by email)*
• Preliminary proposal to create concurrent PhD
  Comments forwarded to Professor Amy Lerman of the Goldman School of Public Policy and Professor Daniel Sargent of the Department of History (05/06/20)

• Proposed funding model options for PhD students
  Comments forwarded to Dean and Vice Provost for Graduate studies Lisa García Bedolla (05/06/20)

• Graduate Diversity Task Force preliminary recommendations
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair O'Reilly (05/06/20)

• Proposed curricular changes to the MS in Health and Medical Science
  Approval forwarded to UC Berkeley-UCSF Joint Medical Program Director John Balmes (05/14/20)

• Request to eliminate the foreign language requirement for the PhD in Performance studies
  Comments forwarded to Performance Studies Graduate Group Head Graduate Advisor Sansan Kwan (05/14/20)

• Proposal for a 4+1 (5th year master’s) program for the Master of Public Health
  Comments forwarded to Undergraduate Program in Public Health Faculty Director Lisa Barcellos and School of Public Health Michael Lu (05/14/20)

• Request for exception to policy on Qualifying Exams
  Approval forwarded to Molecular and Cell Biology Head Graduate Advisor David Bilder (06/04/20; approved by Chair Battles on behalf of GC)

• Request for part-time enrollment option for Master of Design (MDes) program
  Approval forwarded to Master of Design Faculty Director Eric Paulos and Executive Director Gwynne Keathley (06/15/20; approved by Chair Battles on behalf of GC)

B. Completed without Written Comment

• GC Advisory Committee for GSI Affairs
  Professor Lane Martin, chair of the Committee, and Linda von Hoene, Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Professional Development and Director of the GSI Teaching and Resource Center, joined the 09/09/19 meeting to talk about the committee’s work.
• Proposal for blanket exception to qualifying exam policy
  This proposal was approved at the 10/28/19 meeting.

• Academic Senate priorities
  Division Chair Oliver O'Reilly joined the 03/02/20 meeting to discuss this issue.

• Recipients of the Carol D. Soc Distinguished Graduate Student Mentoring Awards
  The following recipients were approved at the 03/02/20 meeting: Assistant Professor Ellen Evers of the Haas School of Business for the Early-Career Faculty Award, and Professor Matthew Welch of the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology for the Senior Faculty Award.

• Counting and assessing graduate student mentoring and advising
  Vice Provost for the Faculty Benjamin Hermalin joined the meeting on 04/06/20 to discuss this issue.

• Mitigating the impacts of COVID-19 on graduate students
  This item was discussed at the 05/04/20 meeting.

IV. Unfinished Business

None
APPENDIX A

GRADUATE COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEES
2019-20

Graduate Council
John Battles, ESPM, Chair
Leslea Hlusko, Integrative Biology, Vice Chair
Ilan Adler, IEOR
Michael Boots, Integrative Biology
Susana Chung, Optometry
Ian Duncan, English
Heather Haveman, Sociology/Business
Michael Iarocci, Spanish & Portuguese
Jaijeet Roychowdhury, EECS (fall only)
Jennifer Skeem, Public Policy/Social Welfare
Sarah Song, Law/Political Science
David Sraer, Business/Economics
Jon Wilkening, Mathematics
Mark Wilson, Education
Ming Wu, EECS
Jonathan Zwicker, EALC

Student Members:
Katherine Oosterbaan, Chemistry
Jes Parker, CEE (alternate)
Mary Shi, Sociology
Ben Taube, Architecture

Ex Officio:
Lisa García Bedolla, Dean, Graduate Division
Oliver O’Reilly, Division Chair, Academic Senate
Maria Pettis, Graduate Assembly Campus Affairs Vice President

By Invitation:
Gail Brager, Associate Dean, Graduate Division

Administrative Committee
Lisa García Bedolla, Dean, Graduate Division, Chair
John Battles, Chair, Graduate Council
Ian Duncan, English
Leslea Hlusko, Integrative Biology
Jennifer Skeem, Public Policy/Social Welfare
Jon Wilkening, Mathematics
Jonathan Zwicker, EALC
Fellowships and Graduate Scholarships
Eric Falci, Associate Dean, Graduate Division, Chair
Tom Dandelet, History
Cybelle Fox, Sociology
Cori Hayden, Anthropology
Jake Kosek, Geography
Line Mikkelsen, Linguistics
Leigh Raiford, African American Studies
Luisa Caldas, Architecture
Jill Duerr Berrick, Social Welfare
Thomas Philip, GSE
Arash Komeili, PMB
Maya Petersen, Epidemiology & Biostatistics
Whendee Silver, ESPM
Noah Whiteman, IB
Penny Edwards, SSEAS
Catherine Flynn, English
Sara Magrin, Classics
Nicholas Mathew, Music
Tom McEnaney, Comp Lit & Spanish/Portuguese
Shannon Steen, TDPS
Winnie Wong, Rhetoric
Mina Aganagic, Physics & Math
Chris Dames, ME
Felix Fischer, Chemistry
Chung-Pei Ma, Astrophysics
Lane Martin, MSE
Baoxia Mi, CEE
Avideh Zakhor, EECS

Foerster Lectures on the Immortality of the Soul
Paula Varsano, East Asian Languages and Cultures, Chair
Ron Hendel, Near Eastern Studies
William Jagust, Neuroscience
Niklaus Largier, German
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
Lisa García Bedolla, Dean, Graduate Division, ex officio

Howison Lectures in Philosophy
John Campbell, Philosophy, Chair
Lara Buchak, Philosophy
Geoff Lee, Philosophy

Jefferson Memorial Lectures
Chris Tomlins, Law, Chair
Paul Pierson, Political Science
Russell Robinson, Law
Karen Tani, Law
Oliver O’Reilly, Academic Senate Chair, ex officio

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

Advisory Committee for GSI Affairs
Lane Martin, Materials Science & Engineering, Chair
Michael Iarocci, Spanish & Portuguese, GC liaison
Gail Brager, Associate Dean, Graduate Division
Jeffrey Reimer, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering
Ula Taylor, African American Studies
Eric Ibarra, Mechanical Engineering, Graduate Student
Noah Katznelson, Education, Graduate Student

Advisory Committee for Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Professional Development
Leslea Hlusko, Journalism, Chair/GC Liaison
Eric Falci, Associate Dean, Graduate Division
Cathryn Carson, History
Arash Komeili, Plant and Microbial Biology
Alanna Cooney, Mechanical Engineering, Graduate Student
Jennifer Wiederspahn, Comparative Biochemistry, Graduate Student
Johannes Schoneberg, Postdoctoral Student