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2021-22 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 2021-22 was Professor Eve Sweetser. A roster of the Graduate Council and its standing committees is attached as Appendix A. All meetings were held remotely on Zoom.

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 Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Ronald Cohen (10/05/21)
- Department of Italian Studies
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (10/05/21)
- Haas School of Business
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (10/07/21)
- Department of Ethnic Studies
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (11/08/21)
- Department of Linguistics
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (11/16/21)
- Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (05/03/22)
- Goldman School of Public Policy
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (05/05/22)

II. Graduate Group Reviews

- Graduate Group in Computational Biology
Comments forwarded to Chair Elizabeth Purdom (05/13/22)
- Graduate Group in Biophysics
Comments forwarded to Chair Ahmet Yildiz (05/13/22)

III. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

- Request for a Plan I option for the Master of Development Practice (MDP) program
Approval forwarded to MDP Executive Committee Chair David Zilberman (09/21/21)
- Request for name change for PhD in Information Management and Systems (Information Science)
Approval forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (09/21/21)
- Proposal for name change for the MA and PhD in Near Eastern Studies (Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures)
Approval forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (09/21/21)
- Proposal for new Certificate in Security Policy
Approval forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (10/08/21)
- Proposal for name change for the School of Optometry
Approval forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (10/19/21)
- Proposal for new Designated Emphasis in Political Economy
Approval forwarded to L&S Social Sciences Division Dean Raka Ray (10/21/21)
- Review of pilot variance allowing pre-matriculation credit for master's degrees
Comments were forwarded to School of Public Health Chief of Curriculum and Instruction and OOMPH Program Director Deborah Barnett (10/28/21). Separate comments were also forwarded to Deans Douglas S. Clark

(Chemistry), Tsu-Jae King Liu (Engineering), and David C. Wilson (Public Policy) (10/29/21)

- Proposal for transfer/disestablishment of the Master of Urban Design (MUD) degree and graduate group
Approval forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (11/30/21)
- Proposal for new Designated Emphasis in Cognitive Science
Approval forwarded to Professor Terry Regier (12/16/21)
- Proposal for new Augmented Graduate Group and Joint PhD in Computational Precision Health
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (12/17/21)
- Proposal for new SSGPDP: Master of Climate Solutions
Approval forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (02/09/22)
- Proposal to increase units for the Master of Real Estate Development and Design (MRED+D)
Approval forwarded to Director Greg Morrow (02/22/22)
- Proposal for new Designated Emphasis in Computational Precision Health
Comments forwarded to Professor Maya Petersen (02/22/22)
- Proposal to rename the Graduate School of Education (Berkeley School of Education)
Approval forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (02/22/22)
- Proposal for new Certificate in Sports and Well-being
Approval forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (04/18/22)
- Proposal to change the graduate Foreign Language Requirement for the Department of Philosophy
Approval forwarded to Chair Niko Kolodny (04/20/22)
- Proposal for new SSGPDP: Master of Computational Social Science
Approval forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (04/21/22)

- Proposal for new SSGPDP: Master of Advanced Study in Engineering
Contingent approval forwarded to College of Engineering Associate Dean Tarek Zohdi (04/13/22). Approval forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (05/03/21)
- Proposal for new College of Computing, Data Science, and Society
Approval forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (05/03/22)
- Three-year review of the Master of Real Estate Development and Design (MRED+D) SSGPDP
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Cohen (05/03/22)
- Proposal for new area of emphasis (Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health) for the MPH 4+1 program
Approval forwarded to School of Public Health Undergraduate Program Director Lisa F. Barcellos (06/02/22)
- Proposed changes to the bylaws of the Graduate Group in Health and Medical Sciences
Approval (limited) forwarded to Head Graduate Advisor Gustavo Valbuena (06/02/22)

B. Completed without Written Comment

- Revision of policy governing remote Qualifying Exams (and other higher degree exams)
GC approved policy revisions to permanently allow all-remote exams and to allow hybrid options (09/13/21 and 10/04/21).
- Graduate Division diversity initiatives and outlook
Graduate Division Chief of Staff/Assistant Dean for Diversity Denzil Streete gave a presentation on GD's diversity initiatives (11/01/21 meeting).
- Graduate Assembly resolution in support of further review into the accessibility and quality of self-supporting graduate degree programs
Graduate student members and the GA President discussed the resolution (11/01/21 meeting).

- Designated Emphasis proposal guideline revisions
GC approved revisions to DE proposal guidelines to require an explanation for using undergraduate courses or to require additional work; and to ask proposers to consider student demand (12/06/21 meeting).
- Proposal for revision to policy on English proficiency requirement for GSIs
GC approved revisions to the policy that outline options available for demonstrating proficiency (10/04/21, 02/07/22, and 03/07/22 meetings)
- Draft proposal for increasing the number of graduate students hired as instructors of record (AI-GS) in Summer Sessions
GC supported the draft proposal (03/07/22 meeting)
- Proposed revisions to GC policy governing graduate admissions standards for evaluation of applicants
GC approved some of the proposed revisions to the policy (03/07/22, 04/04/22, 05/02/22 meetings)
- Policies for evaluating English language skills of applicants to graduate programs
GC provided input on drafting a new policy (03/07/22 meeting and by email)
- Recipients of the Carol D. Soc Distinguished Graduate Student Mentoring Awards
The following nominees were approved at the 03/07/22 meeting: Assistant Professor Carl J. Rothfels of Integrative Biology for the Early-Career Faculty Award, and Associate Professor Naomi Ginsberg of Chemistry for the Later-Career Faculty Award.
- GC representatives served on the following:
 - Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) (Candace Yano)
 - Soc Awards (Mark Sandberg, Jennifer Skeem, Jose Marrero Rosado)
 - Advising Council (Mark Sandberg)

- Space Assignments and Capital Improvements Committee
(William Dow)

IV. Unfinished Business

- Proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the Graduate Council on the Standing Committee on Fellowships and Graduate Scholarships (02/07/22, 03/07/22)
- Proposed changes to GC policy governing graduate admissions (section b. iv. on Attestation of “No Conflict of Interest”)

APPENDIX A

GRADUATE COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEES 2021-22

Graduate Council

Eve Sweetser, Linguistics, Chair
William Dow, Public Health/Demography, Vice Chair
Ilan Adler, Industrial Engineering & Operations Research
Leonardo Arriola, Political Science
Emmeline Chuang, Social Welfare
Ernesto Dal Bo, Business/Political Science
Penelope Edwards, South & Southeast Asian Studies
Sean Farhang, Law/Political Science/Public Policy
Heather Haveman, Sociology/Business
John MacFarlane, Philosophy
Prasad Raghavendra, EECS
Mark Sandberg, Scandinavian/Film & Media
Shawn Shadden, Mechanical Engineering
Jennifer Skeem, Public Policy/Social Welfare
Candace Yano, Business/ Industrial Engineering & Operations Research
Jonathan Zwicker, East Asian Languages & Cultures

Student Members:

Ari Bible, Architecture (alternate)
Alanna Cooney, Mechanical Engineering
José Marrero Rosado, Anthropology
Alden Moss, Bioengineering

Ex Officio:

Ronald Cohen, Division Chair, Academic Senate
Lisa García Bedolla, Dean, Graduate Division
Christian Hosam, Graduate Assembly Campus Affairs Vice President

By Invitation:

Gail Brager, Associate Dean, Graduate Division

Administrative Committee

Lisa García Bedolla, Dean, Graduate Division, Chair
Eve Sweetser (Chair, Graduate Council), Linguistics
Leonardo Arriola, Political Science
Emmeline Chuang, Social Welfare
Jennifer Skeem, Public Policy/Social Welfare
Mark Sandberg, Scandinavian/Film & Media

Fellowships and Graduate Scholarships

Not appointed

Foerster Lectures on the Immortality of the Soul

Not appointed for 2021-22

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
Geoff Lee, Philosophy

Jefferson Memorial Lectures

Chris Tomlins, Law, Chair
Paul Pierson, Political Science
Russell Robinson, Law
Poulomi Saha, English

Barbara Weinstock Memorial Lectures on the Morals of Trade

Rui de Figueiredo, Business Administration/Political Science, Chair
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
Gail Brager, Associate Dean, Graduate Division
Cati de los Rios, Education
Penny Edwards, South & Southeast Asian Studies (GC liaison)
Lisa Pruitt, Mechanical Engineering
Mary Wildermuth, Plant & Microbial Biology
Kathryn Brock-Robertson, Folklore, Graduate Student
Christopher Jackson, Chemistry, Graduate Student

Advisory Committee for Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Professional Development

John MacFarlane, Philosophy, Chair/GC Liaison
Brandi Catanese, Associate Dean, Graduate Division
Karine Gibbs, Plant & Microbial Biology
Line Mikkelsen, Linguistics
Cara He, Integrative Biology, Graduate Student member
Alanna Cooney, Mechanical Engineering, Graduate Student member
Rohit Kolora, Integrative Biology, Postdoc member