

Graduate Group Chairs Winter “Mini-Retreat”

Thursday, January 16, 2020
9:00am – 12:00pm (breakfast served at 8:30 am)
SAAC 209

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/644655963>

Participants: Graduate Group Chairs, Graduate Council, School Deans, Graduate Division Funding Team

AGENDA

Meeting led by Marjorie and Kurt Schnier

- Current support for PhD students, relative to other UC campuses
- Proposed funding mix (future goal)
- Current issues to put on the table (some to be resolved now, others bracketed)
 - TA assignments across programs/depts
 - Award Eugene Cota Roble fellowships in year 1 and when advance to candidacy rather than years 1 and 2?
 - With additional funds from grants going to grad groups and fellowships, and with IDC being revisited, should we continue the 25% resident tuition reduction or funnel that money into fellowships (currently >\$300K)
 - Etc.,
- Guidance on graduate funding model (small group modeling, report out, recommendations).
 - How do funding mix models inform PhD enrollment planning?
 - Does the model need to be expanded to better support graduate student planning?
 - Graduate student RA funding incentive model piece:
 - What are the recommended return rates for the programs/Deans?
 - How would one go about determining targeted funding rates for the future?
 - Master’s program incentive model piece:
 - What are the recommended return rates for the programs/Deans?
 - What is the recommended tiering for the scale of the Master’s programs?
 - If campus increases internal fellowship \$, what does this do to funding mix? Use for full fellowships in year 1? Dissertation fellowships?
 - Should we recommend moving any of the funding currently going to TAs as part of the Academic Budget Planning process to fellowships?
 - Etc.,

If time, nominate and vote on one graduate chair from each school to serve on an “executive board” to advise the Graduate Dean as needed.