

Graduate Group Chair Mini-Retreat
August 30, 2018
SSB 250
11:00 am – 2:00 pm

AGENDA

Box Folder: <https://ucmerced.app.box.com/folder/52643223473>

Website: <https://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/gradchairs>

1. Welcome, introductions 11:00 - 11:05
2. Update from Graduate Council (LeRoy Westerling) – 11:05 – 11:20
3. Roles and responsibilities of Graduate Group Chairs - what has and what has not changed with Academic Reorganization 11:20 - 11:30
 - a. Your collaborations with dept chairs re: graduate curriculum, TA positions, grad Teaching Fellows as instructors of record etc.
 - b. You are part of your school leadership team as well as my leadership team
 - c. Planning for multi-year funding packages that relies less on TAships
 - d. Who can help you with what – reorganizations within Graduate Division, across campus who can help with processes, policies, conflicts/concerns (see Box for grad group chairs FAQ page)
 - e. Mentorship and advising resources (see Box)
4. Updates – what’s new as it relates to graduate groups – 11:30 – 11:50
 - a. Academic Governance Council, campus planning initiatives
 - b. Graduate Division grants
 - New grants - NSF AGEP, NSF INCLUDES, Luce Foundation grants
 - Likely grants - Mellon Foundation Summer Bridge-Faculty Diversity grant
 - Continuing grants – NSF NRT in Interdisciplinary Computational Graduate Education, CGS Career Tracking, Mellon Foundation UROC-H grants
 - c. Graduate Division reorganization/ new staff
 - d. We can again co-sponsor seminars through NSF NRT-ICGE
5. New technologies
 - a. SLATE timeline, demo, testing 11:50 – 12:10
 - b. GRIP timeline, demo 12:10 – 12:25
6. Discussion of mission and vision statements 12:25 - 12:40 (see attached)
7. Funding 12:40 – 1:00

- a. Operational funds and USAP funds
 - b. Moving graduate funding model towards block grants
 - c. UC Path and start of semester
8. Planning for the admissions cycle – 1:00-1:20
- a. what are your deadlines? See Box for resources (CGS holistic review, DIMAC, Grad Academic Practices Discussion Guide)
 - b. Recruitment - your role, how can we help you? (see attached GD recruitment schedule)
 - c. Graduate Group Chairs manual and events/deadlines calendar – overview; finalize date for Grad Visitation Weekend (see Box for events calendar)
9. Grad Resource Center – now located in SSB 217 1:20 - 1:30
- a. GradEXCEL Peer mentorship program,
 - b. Writing and stats tutors,
 - c. Fellowship library
 - d. Summer Bridge
 - e. Grad Dean’s Advisory Council on Diversity
10. Professional Development offerings 1:30 – 1:40
- a. GEARS course
 - b. Dissertation Boot Camp
 - c. GradSlam
 - d. National Labs Day and Humanities Day
11. Open discussion, new business 1:40 – 2:00