

**Graduate Group Chair Meeting**  
**October 17, 2018**  
**4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

Graduate Group Chairs Present: Ramesh Balasubramaniam, Ireene Beattie, Marc Beutel, Paul Brown, Kevin Dawson, Sayantani Ghosh, Boaz Ilan, Marcelo Kallmann, Paul Maglio, Erik Menke, Jan Wallander

Graduate Division Present: Jesus Cisneros, Maggie Farias, Tsu Ya, Marjorie Zatz

Not Present: Miriam Barlow, Courtenay Conrad, Gerardo Diaz, Kara McCloskey

**1. Updates (Marjorie Zatz)**

- Graduate Dean Zatz made the following announcements:
  - Kou Her has joined the Graduate Division as the new Graduate Admissions and Academic Services Coordinator.
  - The Provost airport interviews have been completed and the on-campus interviews are scheduled during the first week of November.
  - Veronica Mendez, Chief Financial Officer and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, and Mark Grimes, Graduate Programs Assessment and Substantive Change Coordinator, will be leaving UC Merced in January. She will suggest that a graduate group chair be part of the hiring committee for Mark Grimes replacement in order to ease the transition.
- Graduate Dean Zatz reported that the placement data on Ph.D. graduates available from alumni services are up to date; chairs may want to reference the types of jobs their alumni have obtained on their web pages.
- Chairs were reminded to provide their updated enrollment projections if they have not already done so.

**Action:** The Graduate Division will send a reminder to the graduate group chairs who have not provided their updated enrollment projections.

**2. Update from Graduate Council (LeRoy Westerling)**

- No report; Graduate Council Chair LeRoy Westerling was unable to attend the meeting.

### **3. USAP funding – current year**

- Graduate Dean Zatz confirmed that the AY 18-19 USAP funding model follows the same criteria and weights from last year and that all graduate group chairs have been provided this year's funding allocations.
- Graduate Group Chairs requested more information on how the fellowship applications are tracked by the Graduate Division. Graduate Dean Zatz responded that the Graduate Division's tracking mechanism is dependent on the graduate students sending a notice that they have applied for a fellowship. Students are likely to inform the Graduate Division of applications because submission makes them eligible for a Graduate Fellowship Incentive Program (GFIP) award of \$200 (available to each student once per year).
- Graduate Dean Zatz explained when Non-Resident Student Tuition (NRST) awards are granted and when NRST is waived.
  - International Ph.D. students who have not advanced to candidacy are eligible to receive an NRST award.
  - Ph.D. students who are U.S. citizens and permanent residents classified as non-California residents are eligible to receive an NRST award only during their first year. They should apply for residency by their second year.
  - International Ph.D. students who have advanced to candidacy are eligible for a waiver of their NRST for a maximum of three consecutive calendar years.
  - NRST will not be paid for master's students, for domestic Ph.D. students in their second or later year, or for international Ph.D. students who advanced to candidacy more than 3 years ago.

### **4. Long-Term Graduate Funding Model**

- Graduate Dean Zatz announced that Eric, Mayra, and the budget office are on a UC southern tour, gathering more information on the graduate funding models at Riverside, Irvine, Los Angeles, and Santa Barbara.
- Graduate Division will be developing at least two models for discussion and consideration at UC Merced.

- Graduate Chairs and School Deans will be invited to attend a graduate funding model discussion on either October 29<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>. Chairs are asked to make every effort to attend in person, as it will be difficult to see pros and cons written on the white board with zoom.
- Graduate Chairs agreed that School Deans should be invited to the meeting on graduate funding models.

**Action:** Graduate Division will send out a doodle poll for the Graduate Funding Model presentation and discussion.

#### **5. Recruitment or admissions questions?**

- None

#### **6. Discussion, new business**

- Assistant Dean Cisneros announced that the Bobcat Pantry is a new resource available to all graduate students and that the writing tutor is available to meet in the Graduate Resource Center located in Student Services Building (SSB), room 217.
- Sociology Group Chair Beattie announced that Sociology is exploring the possibility of creating a STATA workshop for first-year graduate students. Chair Beattie asked graduate group chairs interested in creating a similar workshop to contact her directly.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.