

Graduate Group Chair Meeting
September 12, 2018
COB 2 -392
4:00 – 5:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Graduate Group Chairs Present: Miriam Barlow, Irene Beattie, Marc Beutel, Courtenay Conrad, Sayantani Ghosh (T), Boaz Ilan, Marcelo Kallmann, Erik Menke, Jan Wallander,
Graduate Division Staff Present: Eric Cannon, Mayra Chavez- Franco, Jesus Cisneros, Maggie Farias, Chris Kello, Marjorie Zatz

Not Present: Ramesh Balasubramaniam, Paul Brown, Kevin Dawson, Gerardo Diaz, Paul Maglio, Kara McCloskey

1. Updates (Graduate Dean Zatz)

- Interim Provost/EVC Gregg Camfield and VC Budget and Planning Veronica Mendez are both very focused on planning this year, with attention to developing plans and processes in a wide range of areas

2. Updated from Graduate Council (LeRoy Westerling)

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

3. Finalize Graduate Visitation Weekend (date and major components)- discussion and decision

- Potential dates for graduate visitation weekend were discussed, recognizing best dates for each program as well as dates of local K-12 school vacations. The three dates discussed were the weekends of February 15th, February 22nd, and March 1st.
- As a consensus was not reached, the graduate group chairs voted on the dates that would *not* work for their program:

Not Feb 15 – 2 votes
Not Feb 22 – 1 vote
Not March 1 – 5 votes

Action: Graduate Division will move forward with planning graduate visitation weekend on Friday- Saturday, February 22-23, 2019 and

Graduate Group Chairs will notify their corresponding graduate group faculty and students.

4. Graduate Funding Model-discussion

- Graduate Dean Zatz informed the graduate group chairs that the Graduate Division has been meeting with the Budget Office to discuss the current graduate funding model and begin exploring potential models for implementation in two years. A new funding model would need to include what is currently called “USAP” funding as well as NRST coverage.
- The Graduate Division and the Budget Office are studying graduate funding models on other UC campuses. Two or three potential models will be proposed for broader campus discussion in October, with the expectation that a new model will be developed by the end of October.
- Graduate Dean Zatz asked the graduate group chairs to share their priorities for graduate student funding that should be considered when creating a new funding model. Priorities stated include flexibility, devolving decision making to graduate programs where possible, budget stability and certainty to facilitate planning during the admissions season, and, if a cohort model is selected, sufficient staffing to track expenditures.
- Graduate Dean Zatz encouraged the graduate group chairs to discuss priorities among their programs and provide feedback to the Graduate Division.
- Graduate Dean Zatz stated that no decisions will be made in regard to the graduate funding model without having additional consultation opportunities for graduate chairs and faculty.

Action: The funding model discussion will be added to the next Graduate Group Chairs meeting.

5. New business

- No new business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.