MINUTES
MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
December 9, 2015

The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. in 229 Terrell Hall.

Members present: Elaine Adams, Kevin Ayres, Michael Azain, Nicholas Berente, Mary Caplan, Adrian Childs, Robert Christensen, William Fitt, Gary Green, Tai Guo, Janette Hill, Caner Kazanci, William Kisaalita, Michele Lease, Jennifer Lindstrom, Scott Merkle, Lance Palmer, Beth Preston, Stephen Ramos, Patricia Reeves, Kaori Sakamoto, Welch Suggs, Aaron Thompson, William Whitman, Hang Yin, and John Yu. Attending from the Graduate School were Dean Suzanne Barbour, Associate Dean Julie Coffield, Deanna Knight, Cheri Bliss, Robin Bingham, and Kristin Lawrence plus Audrey Lewis represented the Graduate Student Association.

Members absent: Peter Brosius, Jennifer Cannon, James Carson, and Scott Pegan

Dean Suzanne Barbour called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes of the August 19, 2015, Graduate Council meeting were approved as posted on the Graduate School website.

Graduate Council Committees Reports and Action Items

A. Program Committee
2015-16 Chair: Michael Azain
No report.

B. Administrative Committee
2015-16 Chair: Michele Lease
The committee met on October 8, 2015, to discuss four topics: piloting of a “no GRE requirement” for two programs; possibility of stackable certificate programs; definition of TA’s; and revisitation of Graduate Faculty By-Laws. In addition to Dean Barbour, committee members in attendance were Adrian Childs, Michele Lease, Michael Azain, Tai Guo and Kaori Sakamoto. On November 19, 2015, and on December 1, 2015, drafts of the revised bylaws to reflect changes in definition of graduate faculty and process for appointment/reviews were sent to the committee by email. The following documents are submitted for discussion:

1. Proposed changes to Graduate Council By-Laws and Policy and Procedures for Appointment and Reappointment to the Graduate Faculty

C. Admission and Retention Committee
2015-16 Chair: Michele Lease
The committee convened on August 25, 2015, to hear two appeals: one dismissal appeal and one degree objective change appeal. One committee member recused herself from voting in the
degree objective change appeal. The dismissal appeal was approved and the degree objective change appeal was denied. Members in attendance were: Michele Lease, Mary Caplan, William Kisaalita, Scott Merkle, Stephen Ramos, Kaori Sakamoto, and William Whitman. Present from the Graduate School were Suzanne Barbour, Julie Coffield, Cheri Bliss, and Kristin Lawrence.

D. Appointment and Reappointment Committee
2015-16 Chair: Tai Guo
The committee met on December 9, 2015, to consider 27 applications for appointment and reappointment to the Graduate Faculty of non-tenure track and retired faculty. The committee recommended the approval of 9 retired faculty for reappointment; 2 adjunct faculty members for reappointment, and 14 of 16 non-tenure track applicants were recommended for appointment to the Graduate Faculty. Members in attendance were: Tai Guo, chair, Elaine Adams, Kevin Ayres, William Fitt, Hang Yin, and John Yu.

E. Curriculum Committee
2015-16 Chair: Adrian Childs
Since the last meeting of the Council, the committee approved 71 new courses and 115 course change applications.

Old Business
No old business.

New Business
No new business.

Information Items
Dean Barbour reported the following items had been administratively approved by the Graduate School: a dual MS degree with the University of Padova, a PhD program in integrated conservation and marine sciences, and a 3-year JD/MBA degree.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.