The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. in 229 Terrell Hall.

Members present: Hamid Arabnia, Fikri Avci, Mary Caplan, James Carson, Denise Lewis, Jennifer Lindstrom, Javad Mohammadpour, Masaki Mori, Rebecca Nesbit, Amy M. Pollard, Stephen Ramos, Kaori Sakamoto, Welch Suggs, Aaron Thompson, Katherine Thompson, and Dehai Zhao. Suzanne Barbour, Julie Coffield, Deanna Knight, and Cheri Bliss represented the Graduate School.

Members absent: Nicholas Berente, Georgia Calhoun, William Fitt, Gary Green, Tai Guo, Tina Harris, Janette Hill, Michele Lease, Jeffrey Mullen, Kristen Navara, Patricia Reeves, Han-rong Weng, William Whitman, and Xiaozhong "John" Yu.

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

Minutes of the August 17, 2016, Graduate Council meeting were approved as posted on the Graduate School website.

Graduate Council Committees Reports and Action Items

A. Administrative Committee
Chair: Stephen Ramos
The committee met on August 26, 2016, to review and discuss the text revision for the Graduate School Dual Degree Policy Statement. Committee members present were Stephen Ramos, Jennifer Lindstrom, Jeff Mullen and Kaori Sakamoto. Present from the Graduate School were Suzanne Barbour, Julie Coffield, and Cheri Bliss. The committee offered recommendations and edits, which were then incorporated into the document and sent back to the committee by email for final review. All committee members accepted the revised document.

1. The committee recommends the Graduate School Dual Degree Policy Statement be approved. After much discussion, the motion was passed.

B. Program Committee
Chair: Jennifer Lindstrom
No report.

C. Admission and Retention Committee
Chair: Kaori Sakamoto
The committee met on August 31, 2016, to hear one dismissal appeal and one admissions appeal. Members of the committee present were Kaori Sakamoto, James Carson, Gary Green, Tina Harris, Denise Lewis, Kristen Navara, and Aaron Thompson. Present from the Graduate School
were Suzanne Barbour, Julie Coffield, Cheri Bliss, and Kristin Lawrence. The dismissal appeal was overturned and the admissions appeal was upheld.

The committee also met on September 7, 2016, to hear a grade appeal. Committee members present were Kaori Sakamoto, James Carson, Tina Harris, Kristen Navara, and Aaron Thompson. Present from the Graduate School were Suzanne Barbour, Jullie Coffield, Cheri Bliss, and Kristin Lawrence. The grade appeal was upheld.

D. Appointment and Reappointment Committee
Chair: Stephen Ramos
No report.

E. Curriculum Committee
Chair: Jeff Mullen
Since the last meeting of the Council, the committee approved 51 new courses, 1 deletions, and 165 course change applications.

Old Business
No old business.

New Business
No new business

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m