The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. in 229 Terrell Hall.

Members present: Hamid Arabnia, Fikri Avci, Nicholas Berente, Georgia Calhoun, Mary Caplan, James Carson, William Fitt, Gary Green, Tai Guo, Janette Hill, Denise Lewis, Jennifer Lindstrom, Javad Mohammadpour, Masaki Mori, Jeffrey Mullen, Rebecca Nesbit, Stephen Ramos, Patricia Reeves, Kaori Sakamoto, Welch Suggs, Aaron Thompson, Katherine Thompson, Han-Rong Weng, William Whitman, Xiaozhong “John” Yu, and Dehai Zhao. Suzanne Barbour, Julie Coffield, and Deanna Knight represented the Graduate School.

Members absent: Tina Harris, Michele Lease, Kristen Navara, and Amy M. Pollard.

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

Minutes of the November 30, 2016, Graduate Council meeting were approved as posted on the Graduate School website.

Graduate Council Committees Reports and Action Items

A. Program Committee
Chair: Jennifer Lindstrom
The committee had not met since the last Council meeting. However, at the last Council meeting, two actions on the agenda (items 1 and 2 below) were tabled. The committee had met the day before that Council meeting and recommends action items 3-6 for consideration at today’s meeting:

Action Items:

1. A request from the Department of Economics to offer a dual Bachelor of Business Administration in economics and Master of Arts (BBA/MA) in economics and a dual Bachelor of Arts in economics and a Master of Arts (AB/MA) in economics. The motion was passed.

2. A request from the Department of Economics to add a non-thesis option to the Master of Arts in economics. The motion was passed.

3. A request from the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication to offer a new Doctor of Philosophy degree in agricultural leadership, education, and communication. The motion passed.
4. A request from of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics to offer a new graduate certificate in Infectious Disease Epidemiology. The motion passed.

5. A request from the Office of Sustainability and the Center for Integrative Conservation to offer a new certificate in Sustainability. The motion passed.

6. A request from the College of Veterinary Medicine to offer a non-thesis option for the Master of Science degree in comparative biomedical sciences. The motion passed.

B. Administrative Committee
Chair: Stephen Ramos
The committee had not met since the last Council meeting. However, one item from that meeting was tabled and is now before the Council for consideration:

Action Item:

1. Revisions to The Graduate Faculty By-Laws – Article II - Graduate Council (Section 8). After discussion, the motion passed. Revisions to the Graduate Faculty By-Laws will become effective immediately.

C. Admission and Retention Committee
Chair: Kaori Sakamoto
The committee met on December 14, 2016, to hear one grade appeal and one appeal of the Continuous Enrollment Policy fee. Members present were Kaori Sakamoto, Gary Green, Tina Harris, Denise Lewis, Kristen Navara, and Janette Hill. Suzanne Barbour, Julie Coffield, Cheri Bliss, and Kristin Lawrence from the Graduate School were present. Both appeals were 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 22 new courses, 3 deletions, and 36 course change applications.

Old Business
No old business.

New Business
No new business

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m