

[Graduate Council (GC)]
LAUC-I Academic Senate Representative: Matthew Roberts
2015-2016 Report

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Council/Committee Name (acronym): GC

Council/Committee Charge:

1. Responsibilities:

Graduate Council Bylaw: Irvine Bylaw 100

Formulate for submission to the Divisional Senate Assembly rules and regulations governing graduate education and advise the Chancellor on all matters relating to graduate work on the Irvine campus.

Maintain liaison with the University Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs.

Monitor and ensure quality and diversity in graduate programs.

Assume the responsibilities enumerated in Senate Bylaw 330.

2. Membership:

The Graduate Council shall consist of one member from each of the Faculties of the Division (as defined by Irvine Bylaw 40.).

*Ex officio, non-voting members include the Dean of the Graduate Division and the Chair of the Subcommittee on International Education (Am 3 Dec 09).

3. Subcommittees:

The Subcommittee on Graduate Courses and Program Modifications

The Academic Program Review Board

The Subcommittee on International Education

Link to Council/Committee Website: <http://senate.uci.edu/committees/councils/graduate-council-gc/>

Frequency of Meetings: Monthly

Major Activities:

GC's work is confidential. However, much of the work performed pertains to areas that may be of interest to subject librarians, particularly as GC discusses and helps to approve new graduate departments, programs, concentrations, etc. Noted topics of discussion include:

1. SSP - Masters in Conservation and Restoration Science.
2. Proposal for Emphasis in Race and Justice Studies.
3. SSP - Master of Science in Business Analytics.
4. SCH-Proposal to Advance the Program in Nursing Science to the Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing.
5. Concentration - Community and Population Health for the M.S. in Nursing.
6. College Textbooks/Faculty Produced Instructional Materials.
7. SSP - Master of Finance.
8. 4plus1 - Proposal to establish BA/MA degree in European Thought and Culture.
9. Departmentalization of African American Studies Program.

Issues of Concern to the Libraries:

1. A number of conversations took place as a result of the UCI Libraries Strategic Planning process. As the LAUC-I member of the Strategic Planning Task Force, Emilee Mathews visited Grad Council to solicit feedback from members. Her report was disseminated on April 14, 2016. It reads as follows:

- Libraries are repositories of information – now an awful lot of information is data. Faculty and grads need help with data archiving, data acquisitions, publishing data in conjunction with papers. Not necessarily big data but large data.

- Faculty and grads are constantly asking for access to confidential data. Can the library help with this process so they don't have to reinvent the wheel over and over again?
- Faculty and grads are being asked to safekeep their data and protect its privacy and confidentiality – they have to coordinator with IT, physical plant to get keycodes, etc. Can the library provide a secure place for this confidential data?
- Grads need easier access to more interactive visual and media information, otherwise they'll just go straight to google
- Archiving in the arts – better products out there that we could investigate
- More information/guidance on copyright, particularly for your own materials. Can you post them online? Every journal is different. This is confusing. Get lots of emails about it but information is conflicting between different sources.
- Does the open access policy apply to grad students? (upon hearing the answer yes): we need better information and training on that so that we can advise grad students one-on-one and in orientation when they first get here.
- OIT expects everyone to be able to administer their own servers. Need more seamless, user-friendly IT infrastructure with more storage space.
- We're being asked to back up our data – can the library help with that?

Recommendations for New Reps/New Year:

Continue to converse with GC, taking into consideration the feedback from the Strategic Planning process.

Provide opportunities for members of DDS to market services (including ETDs), many of which could offer solutions to questions raised during the Strategic Planning process.