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To: Dr. Joel Avrin, President  
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From: Dr. Concepcion Godev, Chair of Graduate Council

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RE: Report on Graduate Council Activities for 2019-2020

The Graduate Council held one organizational meeting and nine business meetings for the 2019-2020 academic year. During the academic year, the Council accomplished the following tasks:

1. established the Graduate Funding Committee, per the recommendation of the Graduate Student Funding Task Force. See pp. 35-35 and 42 to the [Spring 2019 Graduate Student Funding Task Force Report](#). The members of the [Graduate Funding Committee](#) are: Manuel Perez Quinones (Chair), Julie Goodliffe (Co-Chair), Elizabeth Miller (Council Member), Heather Lipford (Council Member), Alex Suptela (Council Member, PhD Student), Shannon Murphy (MA Student), Johnna Watson (Ex-officio Member) and Annette Parks (Graduate Council Secretary).
2. reviewed the GASP Policy Proposal as presented by Rick Tankersley, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development and reviewed the feedback of the Graduate Funding Committee on this proposal.
3. reviewed the definitions for the positions of Graduate Research Assistants and Graduate Teaching Assistants as proposed by the Graduate Funding Committee. The Graduate Council is awaiting the feedback from the Office of Research and Economic Development.
4. approved the following proposals originating from the Graduate School:
  - 4.1. Policy on Parental Leave Accommodations for Graduate Students
  - 4.2. Policy on Academic Load/Time Status for All Graduate Students
5. set up an ad-hoc hearing committee (Amy Canevello, Chair; Taghi Mostafavi, and Christine Richardson). They completed their work in February 2020.
6. set up a new procedure to discuss course and curriculum proposals and vote on them in order to expedite the process and allow for more time to discuss policies.
7. reviewed some 112 course and curriculum proposals.
8. set up a sub-committee (Craig Allan, Allison Burfield, Chair, and David Mauer) to conduct the annual performance review of the Dean of the Graduate School.

The minutes for all meetings of the Graduate Council are available on the Academic Affairs website at the [Graduate Council web site](#). These minutes give complete accounts of our proceedings.

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