

## **Graduate Program and Curriculum Committee (GCC)**

### **F.A.Q.**

#### **What is the GCC, and what is its relationship to the Graduate Council?**

The GCC is a standing committee of the Graduate Council. As per the Graduate Student Guidelines, the GCC “shall review graduate program and curriculum proposals and make recommendations to the full council. Membership . . . shall include a minimum of three council members elected by the full membership with no more than one member from each college.”

#### **Where can I find out about the program and curriculum review process?**

Visit the GCC web site:

#### **Where can I find out about the GCC’s calendar and agenda?**

Visit the GCC web site:

#### **How does the GCC handle program and curriculum proposals?**

The GCC makes recommendations on program and curriculum actions to the full Graduate Council. Proposals that the GCC recommends for approval will be sent forward to the Graduate Council as consent or information items, depending on the type of proposal. Proposals that the GCC does not recommend for approval will be sent back to the home colleges. The GCC will report (as information items) any proposals that it does not recommend for approval to the Graduate Council.

#### **If the GCC fails to recommend approval of a proposal, what happens next?**

The GCC will provide feedback to proponents if it decides not to recommend a proposal for approval to the full Graduate Council. If the GCC finds that a proposal needs reworking before it can be recommended for approval by the full Graduate Council, the GCC will engage in a collaborative “revise and resubmit” process with proponents. If the GCC finds that a proposal should not be recommended to the full Graduate Council for approval under any circumstances, it will include that finding in its feedback to proponents.

#### **How does the Graduate Council handle the GCC’s recommendations?**

The full Graduate Council will review the recommendations of the GCC and act on them according to its rules of procedure. In most cases, the Graduate Council will follow the recommendations of the GC. In some cases, the Graduate Council may choose to work on program and curriculum issues as a “committee of the whole” and act on program and curriculum matters as it sees fit.

#### **Is there an appeal process if the GCC does not recommend a proposal for approval?**

Yes. Proponents can appeal directly to the Graduate Council chair and ask that the entire Graduate Council consider the proposal. If the Graduate Council rejects a proposal, proponents can appeal directly to the University Senate chair and ask that the full University Senate consider the proposal.

#### **If the full Graduate Council rejects a proposal, what happens next?**

Proposals that the Graduate Council rejects will not be sent forward to the University Senate for approval. The Graduate Council will decide on the disposition of rejected proposals during its meeting. It may return a rejected proposal to the home college for reworking. It may decide that a proposal should not be sent forward to the University Senate for approval under any circumstances. There is an appeal process for proposals rejected by the Graduate Council outlined in the University Senate Charter.

**Does the GCC require proponents of curriculum proposals to come to its meetings?**

No, the GCC will consider proposals whether or not the proponents come to its meeting. However, if GCC has questions about a proposal, and proponents are not there to answer them, the GCC may decide to table the proposal until a later meeting, when a proponent can attend to address questions, or send it back to the home college for reworking.