Davis Division Academic Senate

Request for Consultation Responses

UCD APM Appendix II-B: Appt of Grad Students and Postgrad Researchers to Academic Titles

April 18, 2013

Appendix II-B of the UCD APM was last revised in 2003, and since then significant changes have occurred in the appointment of graduate students and postdoctoral scholars to employment titles. A draft revision with background information is provided for review by the Davis Division of the Academic Senate and others.
Council of School & College Faculty Chairs (LS: HACS)

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No response at this time.
Graduate Council

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RFC: UCD APM APPENDIX II-B: Appointment of Graduate Students and Postgraduate Researchers to Academic Titles

The Graduate Council reviewed and discussed the aforementioned RFC on UCD APM APPENDIX II-B Appointment of Graduate Students and Postgraduate Researchers to Academic Titles at its April 5, 2013 meeting.

The Council observed the following:

i. A layoff language clause was added and the committee was pleased to see this addition to the appendix, particularly the 60-day advance notice requirement.

ii. In section V.A.2, “continuously” should be added to “A student appointed [continuously] as a GSR for at least six months…”.

iii. In section III.F.1, the phrase “…or exceeding quarters of appointment limitations…” should be deleted since Petitions for Exception cannot be filed to exceed quarters of appointment limitations.

iv. Graduate Council proposed an addition to the sample appointment letter, a clause addressing the adjustment of GSR appointment when a TA position is accepted concurrently. If graduate students accept a TA appointment that requires an existing GSR appointment to be adjusted (i.e., reduced to appropriate levels), the GSR appointment will return to the previous percentage upon completion of the TA appointment. One example, of such a situation is when students accept a TA appointment that would bring their total commitment to more than 75%. The Council unanimously voted and approved adding this clarifying language to this policy.

Accordingly, Graduate Council submits for your consideration the aforementioned recommendation(s).

Sincerely,

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Graduate Council

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