LAWRENCE PITTS, PROVOST AND EVP
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Re: Conversion of an Existing Graduate Degree Program from State-supported to Self-supported Status and from Self-supported to State-supported Status

Dear Larry:

At its meeting on June 22, the Academic Council endorsed guidelines from CCGA to divisional Graduate Councils regarding the conversion of existing graduate degree programs from state-supported to self-supported status and from self-supported to state-supported status. I will forward the guidelines to the Graduate Councils and I request that you circulate them to the Graduate Deans and EVCs.

Thank you for your assistance in disseminating the guidelines, and please do not hesitate to contact me or CCGA Chair Jim Carmody if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Simmons, Chair
Academic Council

Copy:  Academic Council
       Martha Winnacker, Academic Senate Executive Director
June 16, 2011

DANIEL SIMMONS
ACADEMIC COUNCIL CHAIR

Re: Revised CCGA Memo to Divisional Graduate Councils on the Conversion of an Existing Graduate Degree Program from State-supported to Self-supported Status and from Self-supported to State-supported Status

Dear Dan:

The Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) has further discussed the conversion of existing graduate degree programs from state-supported to self-supported status; and after careful deliberation has revised the attached policy guidelines. In addition, CCGA had amended the revised guidelines to include parallel language for the conversion of existing graduate degree programs from self-supported to state-supported status.

CCGA respectfully requests that Academic Council:

1) Endorse the draft guidelines;
2) Forward the draft guidelines to local divisions; and
3) Request that the Provost disseminate copies to Graduate Deans and EVCs on the campuses.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about these guidelines.

Sincerely,

James Carmody, Ph.D.
Chair, CCGA

Copy: Martha Winnacker, Academic Senate Executive Director
CCGA Members

Enclosure
CCGA Instructions to Divisional Graduate Councils:
Conversion of Graduate Degree Programs from State-Supported to Self-Supported and from Self-Supported to State-Supported Status
June 2011

CCGA has determined that the conversion of an existing graduate degree program from state-supported to self-supported status or from self-supported to state-supported status cannot be considered under the name change provisions in the Compendium. Such a conversion far exceeds those provisions.

State-supported graduate degree programs are designed to, and in fact do, operate to further the University’s primary goals under the Master Plan. Self-supported graduate degree programs, by definition, serve an ancillary purpose. Frequently, a self-supported program’s objective, at least in part, is to make the knowledge generated through the research activities of the faculty and students in state-supported programs available to those groups of students identified in the self-supported program policy. State-supported and self-supported programs are, therefore, not identical to each other in a number of significant ways. Consequently, existing graduate degree programs may not convert from state-supported to self-supported status or from self-supported to state-supported status.

Existing state-supported graduate degree programs may request their own disestablishment as state-supported degree programs in accordance with policy. Concurrently, faculty involved in the research, teaching, and administration activities of such existing state-supported graduate degree programs may present a proposal for the creation of a new self-supported program. All such proposals must comply with self-supported program policies.

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Divisional Graduate Councils may, at their discretion, allow the disestablishment of the existing graduate degree program and the proposal for a new graduate degree program to proceed concurrently. CCGA may review both actions simultaneously and, at its discretion, on an expedited basis.