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March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Members Present: M. López (Chair), J. Goto, A. Hoskins, G. Sharma, B. Sethuramasamyraja,  
D. Walker, R. Sias, K. Capehart, D. Lent

Members Excused: None

Chair López called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. via Zoom.

- I. Minutes: MSC to approve the minutes from 11/30/2022
- II. Agenda: MSC to approve the agenda for 3/1/2022
- III. Updates/Announcements:
  - o Interim Dean Goto shared that the proposal to remove the GRE from the Ed. D. Doctoral Education admission requirements were fully approved.
  - o M. Lopez shared about the Central California Research Symposium CCRS, which will be held virtually on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Abstracts were due Wednesday, February 23, 2022.
  - o Interim Dean Goto announced CSU Research Competition hosted by CSU San Francisco. The competition will be held virtually. Entries are due Sunday, Mar 6, 2022.
- IV. Discussion: Proposal to change the CSU Policy on Blended Programs

CSU graduate deans submitted last December a proposal to make amendments to the CSU Policy on Blended Programs. The proposal adds the possibility of counting up to 12 graduate program units towards the Bachelor's Degree. The Bachelor's would still require 120 units, for a total of 138 units (18 units remaining at the graduate level). Blended programs need collaborative efforts from multiple campus divisions to make it seamless from undergraduate to graduate divisions. There are other factors that need to be considered, especially technical issues regarding financial aid, international admissions, etc. Concerns regarding the overlapping 12 units between the undergraduate and graduate transition need to be addressed by programs. Discussion on potential for student research integration into summer sessions. There may be funding available through Finishing Five blended programs for several specific graduate programs in College of Science and Mathematics, Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology and Lyles College of Engineering. Discussion on potential issues arising

from students taking a break between blended programs needs to be addressed. M. Lopez to update further.

UGC meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

The UGC's next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

#### Agenda

- I. Approval of minutes from March 1, 2022
- II. Approval of Agenda for March 15, 2022
- III. Updates and Announcements
- IV. Option Elevation Proposals: Kinesiology