SM-F20-3, Senate Management Resolution, Amendment to SM-F15-4, Modification of the Graduate Studies and Research Committee Membership

Legislative History:

At its meeting of November 9, 2020, the Academic Senate approved an amendment to the membership of the Graduate Studies and Research Committee presented by Senator Sasikumar for the Organization and Government Committee.

Senate Management Resolution Amendment to SM-F15-4, Modification of the Graduate Studies and Research Committee Membership

Amends: SM-F15-4

Whereas: Administrative changes have resulted in the reorganization of the Office of Research, and

Whereas: The responsibilities of the Graduate Studies and Research Committee include matters specific to the conduct of research; and

Whereas: The Graduate Studies and Research Committee includes an ex officio voting seat for the Director, Office of Sponsored Programs, however, the Director’s expertise is related to budgetary issues—vital in the proposal and review stage of grants, and their presence is not necessary for all issues considered by the Graduate Studies and Research Committee, and

Whereas: The position of Associate Dean, Office of Research has been terminated, and the associated tasks assigned to the Director of Research Development, whose expertise is relevant to the work, particularly in research-based areas, of the Graduate Studies and Research Committee, therefore be it

Resolved: That the ex officio voting seat for the Director, Office of Sponsored Programs, be replaced by an ex officio non-voting seat, and be it
Resolved: That the ex officio seat for the Associate Dean, Office of Research be replaced by an ex officio seat for the Director of Research Development on the Graduate Studies and Research Committee.

Rationale: By this change, the Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs is enabled to attend the meetings of the Graduate Studies and Research Committee when issues within their sphere of expertise are being discussed, but their absence would not affect the quorum for the committee. Furthermore, the Director of Research Development handles many of the functions performed by the Associate Dean for Research, including support for faculty finding appropriate extramural funding opportunities, help with proposal development as well as aiding the creation of multi-disciplinary teams to pursue extramural funding, and the Director’s inclusion is therefore essential to the Graduate Studies and Research Committee.

Approved: October 19, 2020
Vote: 12-0-0
Present: Altura, de Bourbon, Grosvenor, Higgins, Jimenez, Maciejewski, McClory, Millora, Okamoto, Sasikumar, Taylor, Thompson
Absent: None.
Financial Impact: None expected.
Workload Impact: No change.