

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Establishment of the Graduate Certificate in Public ScholarshipRECOMMENDED ACTION

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee that the Board of Regents grant authority to the graduate faculty of the Interdisciplinary Committee on Public Scholarship in the Graduate School to offer the Graduate Certificate in Public Scholarship, effective Autumn Quarter 2010. The certificate program will have provisional status with a review to be scheduled in the 2015-2016 academic year. At such time that continuing status is granted, a ten-year review cycle would begin.

BACKGROUND

In June 2009, the Graduate School Dean received a request from the Graduate Faculty of the Interdisciplinary Committee on Public Scholarship to establish a Graduate Certificate in Public Scholarship. This certificate would be administratively housed in the Graduate School, with day-to-day administration occurring in the Simpson Center for the Humanities (College of Arts & Sciences). Students would enroll in the certificate program beginning Autumn Quarter 2010, with 6-12 students anticipated the first year.

Public scholarship encompasses scholarly activities that contribute to the public good and yield products of public and intellectual value for diverse communities. This certificate would advance and formally structure work done by graduate students on public forms of scholarship across the arts and sciences, including professional programs, that engages with and through the medium of culture. Students in the program would take courses on the historical, political, and intellectual foundations of public scholarship and would develop a portfolio of research, teaching, and/or engagement practices designed to complement their scholarly work in their home departments. Students would also collaborate with a cross disciplinary cohort of graduate students trained in diverse forms of applied cultural scholarship. The total certificate requirements encompass 15 credits of coursework.

The Graduate School Council met on October 8, 2009, to discuss the Graduate Certificate in Public Scholarship proposal. The Council unanimously recommended that the proposal be forwarded to the Board of Regents for review and approval.

The Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School and the Provost have reviewed and approved the recommendation for program implementation.