Outline

• Organization of graduate education at UC Davis

• Role of the Graduate Council

• Changing the culture and the focus of the graduate office
Interdisciplinary Graduate Groups

Department A

Interdisciplinary Program

Department B

Department C
For example…
Graduate Council

• A committee of the Academic Senate

• 13 faculty (appointed), including Chair, Vice Chair and Graduate Dean (ex officio, non-voting)

• 4 graduate student representatives, 2 postdoctoral scholar representatives, 2 Academic Federation representatives, 2 associate deans

• Invited Graduate Studies staff
Working with the Graduate Council

- Planning
- Persuasion
- Perseverance
- Patience
Office of Graduate Studies (Model A)

Chancellor
Provost

Assoc. Dean
Students

Outreach, Recruitment & Retention
Admissions & Academic Services
Student Support

Graduate Dean

Analysis & Policy
Information Technology
Communication & Marketing
Business Services

Assoc. Dean
Programs
Changing the Culture and the Focus

• Focus on program, not individual student
• Define a culture of success that is based on success of all students, not the few “best” students
  – confront reality of completion data
  – align definition of success with program’s definition & goals
• Provide information, tools and training to enable success
  – Eliminate need for policy exceptions and prior approval
  – Promote program initiative
  – Minimize transaction work
Changing the Culture and the Focus

• Provide academic leadership for graduate education
  – offer courses in laboratory management, scholarly integrity, entrepreneurship, etc.
  – promote faculty engagement in thinking about graduate education more deeply
  – share best practices in graduate education

• Promote diversity