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RE: Report of the Provost's Implementation Advisory Committee on Graduate Education  
(PIACGE)

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to announce the conclusion of the work of the Provost's Implementation Advisory Committee on Graduate Education (PIACGE), and the posting of the PIACGE report at:

<http://provost.ucdavis.edu/initiatives-and-activities/initiatives/PIACGE.html>

This very important set of recommendations has been long in the making and is the work of many hands that must be acknowledged. As you may recall the Joint Administration/Academic Senate Task Force on Graduate Education at UC Davis submitted its report in 2012, Prioritizing and Strengthening Graduate Education at UC Davis. This report articulated a comprehensive vision for enhancing graduate education and provided many thoughtful recommendations to guide our strategic planning. As an extension of that effort, I established PIACGE under the leadership of the Vice Provost – Graduate Education and Dean – Graduate Studies to provide advice on the most appropriate ways to implement the recommendations of the Task Force. The charge to the committee (PIACGE) was to consider the entirety of the Task Force report and then strategize and recommend to the Provost activities, initiatives and funding strategies that address the critical issues identified.

I have reviewed PIACGE's excellent—and extensive—report, have concluded that it addresses the majority of critical issues with which PIACGE was charged and am resolved that we should begin implementing many of the actions recommended. Accordingly, I have accepted the committee's report and have officially concluded its work. We are deeply indebted to the careful work of our colleagues who served on the Task Force on Graduate Education or PIACGE.

As I continue to review the action items that PIACGE has directed to me, I am holding in mind our needs to begin implementing in priority order what is actionable now, the imperative of consultation with the deans, the Academic Senate as appropriate, and other campus leaders, and our coming campus leadership transition with respect to graduate studies. The balancing of these considerations has caused me to delay implementation decisions about the PIACGE recommendations rather longer than I otherwise might. However, I do intend to move from

deliberation to action in some areas in the coming weeks—and as I do, look forward to discussing the recommendations of the committee with you in a variety of Senate and administrative forums.

Sincerely,



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