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To: Deans, Department Chairs, Head Graduate Advisors, Graduate Student Affairs Officers

From: Fiona M. Doyle, Dean of the Graduate Division



Re: GSR appointments in Self-Supporting Degree Programs

This memo reiterates a policy that became effective in Fall 2014 with regard to GSRs who hold appointments at 25% or greater for a semester. This policy applies to Fall and Spring semesters only; there are no tuition and fee remissions in Summer sessions.

A registered graduate student with GSR appointment(s) totaling 25% or more for the semester, who is enrolled in a self-supporting graduate degree program (SSGDP) and is employed by either a self-supporting graduate program or a state-supported graduate program, shall be eligible to receive a remission equivalent in dollar amount to that received as a result of a qualifying appointment by an eligible GSR enrolled in a state-supported program. Such remission includes:

- Graduate Academic Tuition
- Student Services Fee
- Health Insurance (only if the GSR is enrolled in SHIP)

A registered graduate student with GSR appointment(s) totaling 45% or more for the semester, who is enrolled in a self-supporting graduate degree program (SSGDP) and is employed by either a self-supporting graduate program or a state-supported graduate program, shall be eligible to receive a remission equivalent in dollar amount to that received as a result of a qualifying appointment by an eligible GSR enrolled in a state-supported program. Such remission includes:

- Graduate Academic Tuition
- Student Services Fee
- Health Insurance (only if the GSR is enrolled in SHIP)
- Campus Fees
- Class Pass

In no case shall that remission exceed the total charges paid by, or assessed to, the GSR to the self-supporting program, i.e. -- up to the combination of the graduate academic tuition and fees as listed above but not exceeding the amount of the actual SSGDP fee. Because the tuition and fee remission equivalent is a benefit of employment, the fund source must be the same as the salary source, as is the case with any other remission.

Self-supporting graduate degree programs subject to this provision are only those programs that have an approved self-supporting fee or charge approved in writing by the UC Office of the President. Affected Self-Supporting Graduate Degree Programs as of Fall 2014 are:

Haas Evening-Weekend MBA Berkeley-Haas Executive MBA
Master of Financial Engineering (MFE) Online On-Campus Master of Public Health
Master of Advanced Study (MAS) Integrated Circuits
Master of Information and Data Science Master of Engineering (MEng)
Master of Laws (LLM)

This policy is similar to the BX ASE-UAW contract Article 11.C. FEE EQUIVALENCY FOR ASEs ENROLLED IN SELF-SUPPORTING PROGRAMS (effective June 20, 2014 – June 30, 2018).