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

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

Re: **Conferral of Graduate Degrees in Summer**

The Berkeley Academic Senate Committee on Courses of Instruction (COCI) recently approved a request to confer graduate degrees in the summer. Previously, only undergraduate degrees were conferred in the summer.

Effective Summer 2015, the Office of the Registrar will confer degrees to graduate students who meet their degree requirements by the final day of the Summer Session. The Graduate Division supports this change as it will accurately record time-to-degree for students who submit their dissertations or theses in the summer months but who were, in the past, counted as December graduates.

To enable those who are ready to submit in the summer months to receive their degree in August, the Graduate Division is establishing a filing process that allows for the lowest cost possible to students. Policies and procedures for summer registration status to allow for filing will be addressed in a separate memo updating the campus' Filing Fee policies: **Filing Fees for Graduate Degree Conferral in Summer MEMO 2015-April-8.**