How are the UCSB Doctoral Exit Survey responses aggregated? Are student responses sorted by department, and do professors from individual departments directly see the responses they receive from graduating students?

Faculty do not read the individual exit surveys. The responses made by all students in a particular department over a span of time (typically seven years or more) are aggregated and presented as statistical averages. These are then compared with the averages over the same period of time at the level of the Division or College, and campus. The written responses over that same period of time are summarized and grouped together by question in order to reduce the chance of any individual student’s comments being recognized. Students concerned about being recognized should avoid including specific information that might reveal their identity.

How and when is the Doctoral Exit Survey feedback delivered? Do professors receive each piece of feedback as it comes in? Do they see written responses verbatim?

The exit survey is used primarily when departments undergo program review, although between review periods the Graduate Division may review exit survey information to determine if there might be topics to assist with in particular departments. As noted above, individual faculty do not receive the verbatim written responses, and do not even get to view the surveys one by one. Again, they only periodically see a summary report, usually when the department is undergoing program review.

How is the Doctoral Exit Survey feedback used? Do responses affect funding outcomes for graduate departments? For individual professors?

As outcome of the program review process, any number of recommendations may be made, including recommendations related to resources and faculty.