

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

I. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Action Taken: *The agenda and minutes were approved as noticed, 12-0-0.*

II. Chair's Report - Chair Amr El Abbadi

The Chair said that he attended Council, and the Senate Vice Chair talked about the Regents meeting. Mentorship of graduate students came up. The Regents are interested in alternative career paths for graduate students. The President is very interested in the rollout of the vaccine. There will be in-person teaching in the fall and he expects most faculty to be vaccinated by the end of spring and students by the end of summer. There is a lot of interest in exploring and expanding the technologically-enhanced instruction. There was also a meeting with Regent Chair Pérez. He tried to emphasize research that is done in public institutions as opposed to private institutions. He was also concerned about diversity. He said that the Regents are very involved in the professional programs and is pleased about the diversity in those. He feels that diversity in the other programs is "lousy."

The online education statement that CCGA commented upon came to APC and there was feedback from the committees. Some faculty raised concerns about campus autonomy and systemwide oversight.

There was discussion about undergraduate NRST. The intent is to try to explore the non-financial influences of those students. Faculty in STEM were more welcoming of the non-resident students. The Humanities faculty felt they were hurting their classes. The Chair showed figures and graphs illustrating non-resident enrollment at UC.

III. Vice Chair's Report – Vice Chair Andrea Kasko

The Vice Chair gave an update on the CoGD meeting. The Council covered the wildcat strike and talked about the difficulty of international students receiving their paper checks. There was a discussion of extending NRST waivers for quarters that were affected by COVID.

IV. Announcements from Academic Affairs

Pamela Jennings, Executive Director of Graduate Studies

Todd Greenspan, Director of Academic Planning

Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst

Executive Director Jennings said that NRST continues to be an issue systemwide. She reminded the committee that proposals with PDST need to take to the Regents. The point of contention with them at the Regents is around diversity. OP is working with UCPath to resolve the payment issue for international students. There are questions about when graduate students will be vaccinated.

Director Greenspan said that President Drake spoke to the Senate budget meeting. Senator Ting is still upset about the proportion of non-resident students at UC. OP is trying to convince Sacramento that the University needs more money.

Analyst Procello discussed the Five-Year Planning Perspectives. The FYPP is a list of programs that campuses say they will plan to have over the next five years. The majority is for establishments, and that

is increasing over time. About 75 percent have been graduate programs. Berkeley, Irvine, LA, and San Diego submit the most items. Most programs have been multi/interdisciplinary studies, health professions, engineering, and biological and biomedical sciences. About 15 percent are going to be online and about 70 percent are self-supporting LA, Irvine and Berkeley had the most self-supporting programs.

V. Council of Graduate Deans Report – Dean Quentin Williams

The Dean reported that the major item on the docket is the admissions cycle and how uncertain it is this year. URM applications are up across the system. International students appear to be down a bit. Many people are wondering what will happen with their international deferred applications. This is particularly acute in terms of masters programs. The graduate deans are hoping for clarity in the near future. There was some discussion on the rebenching topic.

VI. Student Representative Report

Valeria Orue and Doreen Joseph

Representative Joseph said that UCD has a general assembly meeting tonight and there will be discussion about housing. There is some frustration among student leaders about the policing symposium. Davis had a significant power outage last week and a lot of students were not prepared for it.

Representative Orue sat in on the police symposium on the Riverside campus. She commented that it was not fair to have students talk at a meeting with police presence there. She said that there is a very strong argument for police abolition. She said that there was not a systemwide email about the symposium and that it was organized in a way to keep people out and uniformed.

VII. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership

Mary Gauvain, Academic Council Chair

Robert Horwitz, Academic Council Vice Chair

The Senate Chair reported that the Regents' meeting had a lot of items of discussion one was the Feasibility Study Working Group Report which has do to with the ACT/SAT no longer being allowed. The Working Group is seeing is Smarter Balance would work for the University's purposes.

The campuses have announced that there will be some sort of reopening in the fall. The Senate Chair and Vice Chair are on a vaccine distribution committee. Faculty are apprehensive about getting onto campus because students may have not been vaccinated. There is also confusion as to whether instruction will be in-person, hybrid, etc. As of now, anyone who can be called an employee of the University will be put in a preferred group for a vaccine. But the governor's chain of hierarchy changes often. UC feels capable of delivering about 120K vaccines a week; however, it has been given only 14K.

The governor's budget came out in preliminary form in January and there is a lot of discussion about it. UC got an overall shortfall and there are concerns about line-iteming in the budget and the restrictions that places on the University. The governor would like to see a 10 percent increase in online programs. The president is deeply involved in the discussions and is fighting for UC. The Senate leadership is meeting with Vice Provost Carlson today about mentoring and APM 210.1.d.

Yesterday there was the first part of a two part symposium on campus safety. There were internal and external speakers. There is a lot of interest and hope but it is difficult to see what form it will take. There will be a follow up in March.

The Senate Vice Chair told the committee that systemwide HR is engaged in an effort to reorganize itself. The Senate leadership has been involved in early discussions with that and developments will go through the relevant Senate committees. Regent Chair Pérez was at the last Council meeting and there was a long discussion about affiliation with Catholic hospitals. There are Regents who favor UC Health's position.

VIII. New Program Proposals

- A. Proposal to establish a Master of Science in Health Informatics on the San Diego campus [SSGPDP]
- *Lead Reviewer Andrea Kasko*
The Lead Reviewer said that she sent the proposers a list of questions. The proposers will respond by the next meeting
- B. Proposal to establish an Online Master of Science in Drug Development and Product Management on the San Diego Campus [SSGPDP]
- *Lead Reviewer Arvind Rajaraman*
The Lead Reviewer reminded the committee that it discussed the proposal in January and it said that it would not be approved. He emailed the proposers and was very forthright with them. However, they do not want to make any changes to the proposal; they believe that 36 units is sufficient, based on the traditional program that has been reduced from 72 units to 36.
Action Taken – the proposal was declined 11-0-1. CCGA would like to see the three year review of the traditional program.
- C. Proposal for a Terminal Master of Education in School Psychology on the Santa Barbara Campus
- *Lead Reviewer Hrant Hratchian*
The Lead Reviewer is securing reviewers. He has one.
- D. Proposal for a Master of Quantum Science and Technology on the Los Angeles Campus [SSGPDP]
- *Lead Reviewer Partho Ghosh*
Two internal and two external reviews have been secured. They were very positive and the Lead Reviewer went back to the proposers with their concerns. He will have a final report for the next meeting.
- E. Proposal for an MS in Genetic Counseling on the Davis Campus
- *Lead Reviewer Don Smith*
Three reviewers have been secured and the Lead Reviewer should have something to report at the next meeting.
- F. Proposal for a new MS in Robotics on the Riverside Campus
- *Lead Reviewer Candace Yano*
The Lead Reviewer said that this is a straightforward proposal. She has two reviewers set and is working on getting two more. The review is moving along fairly quickly.
- G. Proposal to establish a DNP/FNP on the Davis Campus
- *Lead Reviewer Tamara Afifi*
The Lead Reviewer has four people committed and hopes to have reviews in by the next meeting.
- H. Proposal for a PhD in Biological Engineering on the Santa Barbara Campus
Action Taken: Dean Tantillo was assigned as Lead Reviewer.

IX. SSGPDP Sub-Committee Update

The Vice Chair told the members that the sub-committee had its first meeting last month is meeting again on Monday to figure out how to tackle issues with financial accounting at the three-year review. The next meeting is also about faculty compensation. The sub-committee had a good discussion but has not drawn any conclusions at this point. There are questions as to how CCGA would get the information to make sure that the programs are truly self-supporting and are not having an impact on state-supported programs. Another big issue is IT resources – are the campus taxes that are being charged sufficient to cover those costs? The sub-committee is looking for models of good performance and best practices. It is also looking at how these programs affect the reputation of the University. The sub-committee will be meeting monthly to discuss these programs. It will also be talking about discontinuance of programs that are not performing.

X. Dual and Joint Degrees Update

The Chair remarked that the Dual and Joint Degree subcommittee came up with a list of considerations that it is sharing with various senate committees and grad councils. He asked that members share and discuss the considerations with relevant parties and give feedback by February 28.

XI. APM 210.1.d (Mentorship)

Vice Provost Carlson sent the committee a letter about CCGA's and UCAP's request to include consideration of mentoring in APM.210.1.d. She observed that the word "mentoring" already occurs in the APM several times. The Chair stated that the committees need to make it more clear that they want mentorship to be included in consideration of teaching, research, and service. She would like more discussion about what CCGA means by "mentorship." The committee discussed the issue at length. The Chair said that he would try to come up with some consensus and would share it with the group so that they could work with UCAP again to give something to the Vice Provost.

XII. Campus Reports

Berkeley - The campus Graduate Dean has been able to negotiate with the Executive Vice Chancellor to have the campus fund an extension of normative time in view of COVID. In addition, there is now an extension of the time when PhD students are eligible for various types of financial aid from the Graduate Division.

Davis – The campus had nothing to report.

Irvine – The campus had nothing to report.

Los Angeles - First year international students really want in-person courses. There are significant differences from campus to campus on what is counted as "in-person." The Chair of the AS challenged how to tackle anti-racism; the campus is trying to come up with questions for diversity inclusion and engagement.

Merced –The campus has come to a decision on how graduate admissions is going to be handled on the campus. It has left normative time to degree to the departments. The campus is holding a lot of discussions on mentorship. What is the best way to develop funding models for interdisciplinary programs?

Riverside: The GC at UCR is reviewing rubrics from different programs that are moving away from the GREs in the application process. Questions about the professional programs and quality of these programs has come to discussion.

UCSD – there is a plan to revise regulations about the membership for thesis committees. The campus is also considering if it should reduce it from 5 to 4 members. Can LSOEs serve as chairs?

UCSF – The campus is crafting a new set of rules and mechanisms to increase transparency around transgressions to Title VII and Title IX.

UCSB – The issues on the Santa Barbara campus were already raised by other members. The problem of international students who do not receive payments because they do not have US Bank accounts continues to be an issue.

UCSC - The Graduate Council is completing a graduate student survey to review the impacts of COVID. The student resource center has been extending normative time for students with disabilities.

The committee adjourned at 2:26.

Minutes taken by Fredye Harms, Committee Analyst
Attest: Amr El Abbadi, CCGA Chair