

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

I. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Action Taken: *The agenda was approved as noticed 8-0-0. The minutes were not yet ready.*

II. Chair's Report

Chair Erith Jaffe-Berg

The Chair apologized for the large amount of committee-related email traffic that had come over the past few days and for the long running time of today's meeting. She thanked members for their patience.

The HSI DDI committee met and decided on several grants. Wonderful and exciting work is being done.

The Chair and Committee Analyst met with the Senate leadership to discuss the issues that arose at February Council and the removal of a CCGA-approved proposal from the Consent Calendar. The proposal has since been approved by Council.

Assembly met, and Chair Cochran emphasized the importance of graduate research and the concerns about graduate financing. The attestation forms were discussed; few have been completed. Effort reporting is an issue for the University. Chair Cochran also acknowledged that the consequences of the strike are already being felt. The VCRs are working to identify bridge funding. The topic of GSR research for work credit was raised, as was the 299 issue. A few campuses are forming Senate-administration working groups on graduate education. UCI, UCLA, and UCSD are in this process. President Drake attended Assembly and said that Pell grant funding will be up 17 percent in one year, and 32 percent in two years.

At Academic Council, the issue of pull-backs on graduate programs was raised again. It is unclear how the promised increases in enrollment in the Compact will be generated. It is believed that some graduate growth will come from graduate professional programs. However, it remains to be seen how this growth will contribute to the teaching and research enterprise. Council also featured a summation of a Deloitte report on UC Online. The conclusion is that UC Online is not doing what it was intended. The campuses have already devised their own responses to online education and the campuses would like the funds earmarked for online education to be syphoned directly to come to them. Deloitte suggested three options: provide UC Online with additional funding, disestablish UC Online, or "trim down" UC Online and delegate more authority to the campuses for online education. Labor issues were discussed, as was the graduate workgroup. Vice Provost Douglas Haynes discussed APM 210 and mentorship; CCGA needs to respond to the draft language by March 24. It is an important issue and one on which CCGA has worked in the past.

At the Academic Planning Council, Provost Newman said that by mid-April she will have a comprehensive report on the results of the strike. This is in anticipation as to the next round of contract negotiations. Berkeley Graduate Dean Lisa Bedolla asked that the campus leadership be more involved in both the discussions of the affects after the strike and in the next round of negotiations. The APC workgroup on the future of undergraduate education shared the results

of their work. Access, equity, and success should be guiding principles for UC going forward. The idea of experiential learning was discussed at length; more information on this will probably be circulated. There was a discussion on a workgroup for faculty mission priorities and balance post-pandemic. Continued concern about lower FTEs in relation to funding that is tied to FTE growth were brought up. Summer session and online summer sessions are proposed as possible remedies for this. Finally, the Future of Graduate Education Workgroup is still being worked out. The charge is being confirmed and is on the APC agenda for next time.

III. Reports from the Student Representatives

Student Representative Berry informed the group that she was being considered as a Student Regent. She also will be going to Sacramento and Washington, DC to lobby for student housing and student basic needs. She has been meeting with representatives from the union about pay issues.

Student Representative Taha had nothing to report.

IV. Campus Reports

UCB – The conflict of interest attestation continues to generate very heated debate. The GC has also been discussing the use of satisfactory/ unsatisfactory and how these are being used across programs and the other campuses.

UCD – The GC has been discussing 299 units and guidelines for this upcoming quarter. It will also be discussing. updating the qualifying exam policies.

UCI – The GC received confirmation that the 299 draft does not conflict with the contract. The campus has already received two grievance cases in relation to 299 courses. In the future, the campus will likely do some evaluation of graduate programs. There is a question if some collected DEI information is personal protected information.

UCLA - The campus is working to develop approvals for courses that are transitioning – either fully or partially - to remote instruction. The campus is also working on a holistic evaluation of teaching involving peer reviews and getting beyond student evaluations. The health sciences are making changes to clinical institute structures.

UCM – The GC has been collecting core syllabi for research courses. The campus is also trying to put together a task force on the future of graduate education. The member has received comments from other committees and stakeholders on the policy the GC developed for hybrid undergraduate degree programs.

UCR – The GC has been discussing teaching evaluations. A sub-committee has just revealed their new instrument and it is going through the approval process. There were questions about whether the instrument would also be used for TAs.

UCSD – The campus is discussing mentoring norms with regard to evaluations and 299 expectations. The GC talked about remote courses and how to ensure quality, including possibly having instructional designers make sure that course format and expectations are more standardized. There was also discussion about the strike and the breakdown of faculty/student relationships.

UCSF – The GC discussed 299s, but did not have any guidance from the graduate division or the registrar's office. It also discussed the ramifications of the strike. Graduate advisors will have to pay more for both graduate students and post docs, which is a concern.

UCSB - The GC discussed 299s and delineating student-centric work from paid work, and are asking the departments to create a framework that works for them. Also, UCSB did not ratify the contract and the students are worried that 299 definitions may be used as a tool to undermine their future negotiations.

UCSC – The member was not present.

V. **Announcements from Academic Affairs**

Theresa Maldonado, VP for Research and Innovation

Scott Brandt, AVP for Research and Innovation

Pamela Jennings, Executive Director of Graduate Studies

Todd Greenspan, Executive Advisor, Academic Planning and Policy

Carmen Corona, Director of Academic Planning and Policy

Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst

Director Corona introduced herself.

Executive Advisor Greenspan explained that his office had been short a position since before the pandemic and that it is gratifying to be back at “full strength.” The issue of what graduate student enrollment is going to be going forward is a big issue. His office is waiting for the Multi-Year Enrollment Plan feedback from the campuses, which is due March 24.

Analyst Procello said that the Department of Education has released new regulations around third-party services. The DOE is aware that this industry makes about \$4B a year, and is asking institutions to report their associations with third-party providers by May 1. There is a period where campuses can give feedback. The Chronicle of Higher Education has an article that describes it as a “crackdown” on these online program managers.

<https://www.chronicle.com/article/education-dept-shocks-ed-tech-experts-and-colleges-with-expansion-of-oversight>

Executive Director Jennings shared that she is pleased to announce that the UC HSI/ Doctoral Diversity Initiative review for faculty grants happened recently. There has been a rare increase in funding; previously, it was woefully underfunded and now it is just underfunded. The Initiative has been able to fund three large grants and three small grants. The program is going from two fellows to three fellows for each campus. Her office is also trying to do this with the UC/HBCU project; the deadline for applications is March 15 at noon. The Grad Slam date has been set for May 5 and will have a full, live audience.

Vice President Maldonado remarked that the VCRs are still meeting to talk about the strike. There are two components to the conversation. One is “settling the dust” of what happened and the other is future negotiations. Her office had a meeting yesterday with FGR and tomorrow it will have a touch base with HR, Academic Personnel, and UC Legal. On the federal level, faculty have been contacting their program officers about how to manage active grants. It is important that UC is not identified as the “poster child” for these issues; other universities are experiencing the same labor issues. She said that she wanted to reassure CCGA that there is a lot of concern about the graduate student community by the VCRs, the national laboratories, ANR,

and UC Health. Separately, she added that her office is still moving forward with the climate initiative and considerable programmatic efforts are taking place.

Members had questions for the Vice President and there was considerable discussion.

VI. Council of Graduate Deans' Report

Dean Jean-Pierre Delplanque

Dean Delplanque remarked that the CoGD spent a good amount of time dealing with follow up on the details of the contract and how graduate student support is handled in different ways on the various campuses. CoGD had a meeting with Provost Newman, and it went well. The group discussed how the University got where it is now, and what could have been done differently. The Provost said she would be engaging with the graduate deans more regularly. He remarked that the feeling was that UC lost the PR battle as an institution and that the graduate deans might have been able to help frame issues in a different manner with the state. No additional funds will be coming from the state to cover the costs of the collective bargaining agreement. The graduate deans are intent on restoring their relationship with SGR. Prior to Covid, they used to hold a campus advocacy day at the capitol. It was a great opportunity for students and for the system. There may be some renewal of that effort.

VII. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership

Susan Cochran, Academic Council Chair

James Steintrager, Academic Council Vice Chair

Senate Chair Cochran told the committee that there had been a meeting of the Assembly and it passed the proposed revisions to SR 610 and 630. The new regulations will require undergraduate students to complete six in-person units per term for at least one year in order to graduate. This strategy will allow departments to start creating online majors if they want, and will allow the University to get some experience with the operation of online majors. Council also met, and much of the agenda was filled with consultations with senior management. Academic Planning Council endorsed a proposed revision to SR 636. This regulation deals with the English Language Writing Requirement (ELWR) for entering undergraduates. The change updated the regulation to take into account the fact that students no longer take SATs. The campuses have been experimenting with proposing new ways of placing students in their writing courses, and the updated SR 636 now reflects that. It will go to Assembly for approval.

There have been a couple of Regents' subcommittee meetings: The Health Sciences Committee discussed plans to rebuild Hill Crest Medical Center at UCSD and efforts to treat long Covid. The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Committee heard presentations on how to foster more patents and business startups by faculty. The Regents are lobbying Sacramento and the governor to provide money for a proof-of-concept fund that UC could use to support early development of products arising out of the research work.

The governor had recommended a five percent increase to core funds and the LAO is recommending that it has greater specification; currently the chancellors get to say how that money is spent. SGR is trying to lobby against that level of control. The LAO thinks there will be a bigger deficit next year than the governor has anticipated. The Department of Finance expects that the budget will go south and that California will have a recession. Tax returns came in slower this year, and the state is still trying to calculate what the budget is going to look like.

The legislature wants all of the campuses to accept ADTs with no GPA requirement, which would be devastating to the University. The Senate has been meeting with SGR on a weekly basis to bring them up to speed on the issues of transfer. In addition, under the Compact, UC has agreed to accept 2,500 more graduate students. However, it is likely that graduate admissions are going to fall as a result of the labor contracts.

There is a new workgroup on faculty mission priorities and balance. This workgroup is going to focus on strategies for recovery of the faculty following the stress of the pandemic and the strike. The Senate Chair remarked that this has really been a very tough three years for everyone, and this work group is charged with determining how to get a better handle on faculty workload and bring it back into balance to support the commitment of the University to quality and excellence.

Chair Cochran finished with a reference to labor and post-strike issues. The administration is continuing to work out how it is going to dock pay for UAW members. She observed that there was no helpful guidance to faculty during the strike.

Members had questions for the Senate leadership and there was considerable discussion.

VIII. New Program Proposals

- A. Proposal for a College of Data Science and Society on the Berkeley Campus
Lead Reviewer: Andrei Goga

The Lead Reviewer said that the reviews of the proposal were overwhelmingly positive. He shared feedback about some areas of concern with the proposers and they responded appropriately. There were questions raised around the issue of the interaction between UCB and “society.” The campus response is that developing a new college is going to be disruptive in some way. They have reached out in an *ad hoc* way to determine what the society aspect of the college will look like. They specifically set up a committee to explore this. They plan to have strong collaborations with other groups. The data science major is already broad and collaborative and they have developed a plan to further integrate expertise around various areas.

Action Taken: The proposal was approved 9-0-1.

- B. Proposal for a MA in Geographic Information Systems, Spatial Technologies, Applications, and Research on the Santa Cruz Campus
Lead Reviewer: Jennifer Smith

The Lead Reviewer noted that the proposal is well-written and detailed. The proposers received extensive support from within the department. These programs are becoming more common and there is an increasing demand for these skills. The academic rigor was strong, as is DEI. There were some questions that the Lead Reviewer sent to the proposers, but she has not heard back from them. She will follow up with them.

- C. Master of Advanced Study in Engineering on the Berkeley Campus [SSGPDP]
Lead Reviewer: Michelle O'Malley

The Lead Reviewer secured three reviewers. The proposed program is an online, asynchronous bank of courses: 22 mini-courses with a two-unit capstone project that can be completed in one to four years. The proposal has been through many revisions on the

Berkeley campus, but overall there is support for it. The program requires a substantial partnership with an online host platform (Coursera). There is a 15 percent return-to-aid to help with DEI and there are online synchronous office hours. There is substantial market research to support the program and it is projected to break even by year four. The reviewers had some concerns which the proposers addressed. More questions arose from committee discussion, and they will be taken back to the proposers.

- D. Proposal for a Master of Management Program on the Davis Campus [SSGPDP]
Lead Reviewer: Tanya Nieri

The Lead Reviewer remarked that this I program will allow students to participate in-person or online. Courses are going to be offered every quarter. The two reviewers were very much in synch. They agreed that there was sufficient demand and adequate faculty. There are sufficient job opportunities. There was concern about the draw on the MBA program. Also, the online program is going to be run by an outside vendor. Both reviewers expressed concern about the online and in-person option. Another issue related to this is that the lecturers only get paid for the synchronous portion of the course. Reviewers expressed concern about cost and difference between online and in-person courses. The committee will wait for the review from UCPB.

- E. Proposal for a 4+1 Program in Microbiology on the Riverside Campus
Lead Reviewer: Edmund Campion

The Lead Reviewer said that this is a significantly revised proposal from the original one. This is an expansion of the existing BS and MS programs. All of the concerns raised in the original proposal have been addressed.

Action Taken: The proposal was approved 7-0-2.

- F. Proposal for a Master of Climate Solutions Program on the Berkeley campus. [SSGPDP]
Lead Reviewer: Michael Scheibner

The Lead Reviewer is working to get reviewers.

- G. Proposal for a Master of Engineering in Medical Device Development on the Davis Campus [SSGPDP]
Lead Reviewer: Frithjof Kruggel

The Lead Reviewer is working to get reviewers.

- H. Proposal for a MS/PhD in Material Science on the Santa Cruz Campus
Lead Reviewer: Jeffrey Schank

The Lead Reviewer has three confirmed reviewers and is working to get a fourth.

- I. Proposal for a Master of Public Health on the Riverside Campus
Action Taken: Andrei Goga was assigned as Lead Reviewer.

IX. Transfers, Name Changes, Consolidations, and Discontinuances

- A. Proposal to Convert the UCLA School of Nursing MSN Degree - Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Program - to a Professional Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree Program

The proposal is not ready for review and was pulled from the agenda.

X. Language/Terminology Pertaining to Online Education

Professor Macey has volunteered to work with representatives from UCEP to develop standard terminology systemwide. Professor Nieri volunteered to help with the effort.

XI. 299 Credit

The Chair created a draft document to help delineate between who is a student and who is an employee. She will share the draft as a Google Doc for input. Vice Chair Tantillo will be heading this effort going forward.

XII. UCM Possible Substantive Change

The committee determined that this issue should be brought to CCGA.

XIII. MOU Review Updates

Professor Kruggel reported that UCORP had a meeting with the directors and discussed some questions from the review committee. The committee is moving forward with the report.

XIV. New Business

The Chair asked the committee to review the proposed language for APM 210.1.d. Comments should be submitted to her by March 10.

XV. Executive Session

No minutes are taken during Executive Session.

The Committee adjourned at 4:00 p.m.