

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

I. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Action Taken: The agenda and minutes were approved as noticed. 9-0-0.

II. Chair's Report - Chair Amr El Abbadi

The Chair said that the state is now saying it will fully restore all the budget cuts starting from this year. There is talk that some campuses have more NRST students and there is discussion about whether it should be more evenly distributed. The Senate has a task force about the salary scales. Also, the Dignity Health system and ethical/religious restrictions on hospitals are being discussed.

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

The Vice Chair went to the UCACC meeting on February 11 and the same issues that were discussed in December were revisited. One of the major issues was with SolarWinds and the breach that occurred; it went undiscovered for many, many months. There was also discussion about tangible research. There is a lot of concern that this is an unfunded mandate and that can be very problematic. UCACC had a strong response that she hopes will be heard. Separately, they are planning on sending a letter to leadership about the issues that have been encountered with remote teaching. The particular challenge is evaluating student performance and how to test students while respecting their privacy. The Vice Chair was unable to attend the CoGD meeting.

IV. Announcements from Academic Affairs

Teresa Maldonado, Vice President for Research and Innovation

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 her office does not have any information on residency for the fall. Grad Slam will be on May 7 and the deadline for UCHBCU is March 15. The state is moving toward community vaccination. They have not finalized the policy on vaccines for students; it is not being required.

Analyst Procello said that his office had completed putting the Compendium online. They are hoping this is an easier way to use the document. Separately, all of the campus accreditation liaison officers met with the President and they are in the process of reviewing the WASC standards. This sets the accountability framework for the campuses.

Director Greenspan said that at the monthly enrollment calls both undergraduate and graduate enrollments are holding; they are not seeing any declines. The department is predicting flat enrollment for next year, despite a large increase in undergraduate applications. The budget is being restored on five conditions: that UC not raise tuition, that it fully close equity gaps by 2025, that it increase online instruction by 10 percent over an 2019 baseline, that it better align student learning objectives with workforce needs, and that it develop a dual admissions pathway whereby it offers

freshmen an opportunity to start a community college, but not have to reapply to come back as a transfer.

The Director's office had a meeting with the Senate leadership for the next APC meeting and they want to talk about academic integrity: both about Chegg and faculty intellectual property.

Mr. Greenspan said he was not sure what will be required in the fall in terms of synchronous or asynchronous teaching. He also said that he had attended UCEP and that they are very interested in the impact of self-supporting programs on undergraduate education.

Vice President Maldonado said that her department is finalizing the organization of a couple of very important searches. The UC Observatories is an MRU and the set-up of a search for the MRU is different than a search for the NRS; they are treated very differently. The MRUs involve the Academic Senate and the NRS does not. She is working with the VCRs, and the Senate leadership to make clear how these work. She said she would talk about how the multi-campus efforts impact the preparation of the graduate students and postdocs. The third search she is doing is for the knowledge transfer in innovation and entrepreneurship, which impacts faculty who file patents.

Ms. Maldonado said that since the Biden administration has been put in place, the conversation around climate change has ramped up. The question is how to put the UC as national leaders in this. It is difficult to scope out. She added that on January 27 the joint UC/FBI research security symposium took place. There was a lot of discussion around foreign influence. What the UC wanted to do was to challenge agencies: if someone is accused of working inappropriately with another country, what are the implications. NIH has really come down on some of the PIs. How should PIs train their graduate students and postdocs in this new arena of foreign influence?

The second event was organized by UC Federal Government Relations around COVID and the conversation around how early career researchers are impacted by it. The panel consisted of two graduate students and post docs who spoke directly to staffers in Congress people on Capitol Hill. The students did an excellent job.

Finally, a policy just went out for systemwide review about the Native American graves. The University has a rich group of Native American scholars.

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

V. Council of Graduate Deans Report – Dean *Quentin Williams*

There were continuing updates on legal issues associated with unfair labor practices. There was discussion by the innovative learning department about whether it is an option to swap TA resources between campuses where there is need. Mr. Williams also said that he believes there will be an initiative to try to expand the 18 quarter TA cap that was expanded to 21 quarters on a permanent basis.

VI. Student Representative Report

Valeria Orue (UCR) and Doreen Joseph (UCD)

Student Representative Joseph said that the UCD Taskforce on Campus Safety has been holding town halls and the next one is focused on grad students.

Student Representative Orue said that UCR is going to be going back on campus about 75-80 percent. The GSA is working on mental health resources and its partnership with the county.

VII. 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 has received three reviews and has written to the proposers asking for clarification on a number of things. She asked for more detail on the diversity section. She is concerned about the transition to online after the first two years; the program will move to primarily online in five years. If it is approved, the transition to online needs to be evaluated by their grad council and possibly by CCGA. The proposers also did not give much detail on how the program would support state-supported programs. UCPB did not raise any red flags. The Lead Reviewer will go back to the proposers to get clarification and a new budget.
- B. Proposal for a Terminal Master of Education in School Psychology on the Santa Barbara Campus
- *Lead Reviewer Hrant Hratchian*
One review that looks pretty positive has been submitted. There were some follow-up questions. The rest of the reviews should be received in the next week. It should be a relatively straightforward review.
- C. Proposal for a Master of Quantum Science and Technology on the Los Angeles Campus [SSGPDP]
- *Lead Reviewer Partho Ghosh*
The Lead Reviewer has received four reviews and has been in discussion with the proposers. The reviews were all very strong. All reviewers thought there was a really high job placement. They are going to address diversity through scholarships.
Action Taken: The proposal was approved 10-0-2.
- D. Proposal for an MS in Genetic Counseling on the Davis Campus
- *Lead Reviewer Don Smith*
This is a proposal to establish a professional masters; it involves a research component. The Lead Reviewer got three reviews. They were generally supportive but raised a number of issues. The Lead Reviewer summarized and sent them to the proposers.
- E. Proposal for a new MS in Robotics on the Riverside Campus
- *Lead Reviewer Candace Yano*
The Lead Reviewer got four reviews and prepared a draft report. All of the reviewers are quite positive. There is a question of lab space; will there be enough seats in the courses. The DEI portion of the proposal is not strong.
- F. Proposal to establish a DNP/FNP on the Davis Campus
- *Lead Reviewer Tamara Afifi*
This is a DNP/FNP. It is focused on students who already have a bachelors and is replacing its current MS program. It is mostly remote, with four in-person intensive workshops. It would enroll 32 students per year – it is PDST. There are no extra expected hires. The four reviewers were all positive. The diversity plan is good.
Action Taken: The proposal was approved 11-0-1.

- G. Proposal for an Online Master of Data Science on the San Diego Campus [SSGPDP]
 - *Lead Reviewer Fernando Torres-Gil*
 The Lead Reviewer has commitments from three reviewers, and is waiting on the fourth. He will be working closely with the Lead Reviewer for the MS program (Item H).
- H. Proposal for an MS in Data Science on the San Diego Campus
 - *Lead Reviewer Bjoern Schwer*
 The Lead Reviewer has two internal reviewers. It has been challenging to get a response from external reviewers.
- I. Proposal for a PhD in Biological Engineering on the Santa Barbara Campus
 - *Lead Reviewer Dean Tantillo*
 The Lead Reviewer has commitments from four reviewers, but has no reviews in yet. He hopes to have everything in time for the next meeting.
- J. Proposal for a Master of Analytics on the Berkeley Campus [SSGPDP]

Action Taken: Arvind Rajaraman was appointed as Lead Reviewer.
- K. Proposal for a MS in Health Data Science on the UCSF Campus [SSGPDP]

Action Taken: Andrea Kasko was appointed as Lead Reviewer.
- L. Proposal for a Certificate in Health Data Science on the UCSF Campus

This is a self-supporting certificate, which is not an option for review at this time. The proposal is being returned to the campus.

VIII. Transfers, Name Changes, Consolidations and Discontinuances

- A. Proposal for a Simple Name Change from Geological Sciences to Earth and Planetary Sciences on the Riverside Campus.

Action Taken: The proposal was approved 11-0-1.
- B. Proposal to Establish Major Codes and Designations for the Schoolwide Master of Public Health Degree Program on the Los Angeles Campus.

Action Taken: The proposal was approved 11-0-1.

IX. SSGPDP Sub-Committee Update

The Vice Chair said that many of the discussions we are trying to provide accounting for costs that are typically not tracked. Campuses may be getting more money for under enrolled students. Something that arose at UCLA in particular is a new interpretation of APM 662 which is related to overload teaching. If the chair of the department gets one year of course release s/he cannot use that to teach an SSGPDP. There is debate between the effects of buyouts versus overload and their impact on faculty and students in those programs. These are hard-to-document costs. UCPB is discussing it as well. The topic of the next sub-committee meeting is the question of programs that are substantially changing.

X. Dual and Joint Degrees Update

The Chair said that he shared with the committee all the current list of questions being discussed about dual and joint degrees. UCPB did not have comments, but UCEP did. The Chair then made some changes to the document. There is concern about how having dual degrees will affect advising undergraduates. The committee discussed this at length. Analyst Procello said that the

document could be brought to APC for consideration as a policy document. Analyst Harms will add the new document to the CCGA Handbook.

XI. APM 210.1.d (Mentorship)

There has been an attempt by CCGA to incorporate mentorship into the review and promotion process. Last year the plan was just to add the words “and mentorship” and Vice Provost Carlson did not accept that change. This Chair shared the new language that he has proposed to UCAP. He said he would create a new Google doc and share the language with the committee. He said that if the committee does not feel strongly about the changes, it should back away from proposing them.

XII. 2020-2025 Five Year Planning Perspectives Report

The Chair noted that there is definitely an increase in professional degrees and SSGDPDs. Will CCGA have the manpower to handle this? The committee discussed the proliferation of SSGDPDs at length, and it was noted that the campuses are in very different places with them. Should an independent audit be recommended?

XIII. Campus Reports

UCB – The representative left the meeting.

UCD – The representative had nothing to report.

UCI – There is a pre-proposal for a new school of public health that will be coming to CCGA.

UCLA – The campus may go hybrid in the fall – part remote, part on campus

UCM – The representative had nothing to report.

UCR – The representative had nothing to report -

UCSD -- The campus had lot of discussion about extending the policy about remote courses through the fall; it was quite controversial

UCSF – The representative left the meeting.

UCSB – The representative left the meeting.

UCSC – The representative had nothing to report.

XIV. For Systemwide Review: Universitywide Police Policies and Administrative Procedures

Members were asked to send any comments to Analyst Harms.

The committee adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

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