

## COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

**Minutes of Meeting**  
Wednesday, May 3, 2023

**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 Erith Jaffe-Berg*

Chair Jaffe-Berg reported that the legislature wants UC to increase transfers and the University is working to help them understand the differences between the UC and CSU systems in terms of transfer.

Provost Newman came to APC and discussed the aftermath of the strike and how to prepare for the next round of negotiations. There are opportunities to learn from mistakes that were made during this first iteration. APC is starting two workgroups, one of which is on the future of doctoral education. The workgroup is made up of an equal number of faculty and administrators; APC has tried to make sure there this as broad representation as possible. The Compact and preparing students for high-demand fields is on the agenda for the Regents, and graduate education will be addressed in the fall. Senate Chair Cochran talked about intersegmental issues, AB 927, the CCCs offering BA/BS degrees, and possible dual admission issues. APC had a report from the Redesigning Undergraduate Education group. The most important takeaway was that this will involve experiential learning which requires considerable faculty mentorship. However, the number of doctoral students is declining.

Senate Chair Cochran encouraged faculty to advocate for the 4.6 percent raise and off-scale raises. The decision regarding off-scale pay is made at the divisional level. Assembly approved several items including the ELWR. The Provost has announced a face-to-face congress; everyone is invited to attend. This is an opportunity to surface good ideas on graduate education. Steven Cheung was nominated as the 2023-24 Senate Vice Chair. The Budget Call included discussions about student basic needs, enrollments, and the possibility of intersegmental housing options.

The policy on the purchasing of goods and services was questioned in Academic Council; there is continued discussion about that item. The meeting also featured discussion about the anti-discrimination policy. This is a revision of the previous policy that had been circulated. Finally, the UCPT Chair Julia Simon reported on a document created by the committee to address simultaneous merit and disciplinary actions.

There were questions for the Chair and some discussion.

**III. Campus Reports and MRU Updates**

UCB – The member brought forward the issue of the recently conditionally approved CDSS proposal and the consternation it raised on the campus.

UCD – The campus has approved its 299 guidelines. It also has extensively discussed a major revision of the qualifying exam policy. The campus has been dealing with a killer in the Davis area and has elected to hold classes remotely until the killer is captured.

UCI – The campus has approved 299 guidelines. The campus has reviewed seven SSGPDPs this year and the GC is hoping to get a share of the revenue they bring in. The member also reported on the MRU on ITS. He said that the report showed a largely positive picture with minor weaknesses. He resigned from the MRU committee because he was dissatisfied with the process behind the review.

UCLA – The campus is engaged in continuous discussions regarding distance/remote classes. The member agreed that the workload from SSGPDPs is significant.

UCM – Various work groups have been created and a facilitation team hired to address and solve the issues around the Gallo School proposal. The campus has revised a policy for hybrid undergraduate/graduate degree programs.

UCR – The GC invited Gillian Hayes (UCI) to talk about professionalization and graduate education; it was very informative and likely will lead to further discussion. Professor Nieri also discussed her participation on the MRU review of Alianza (formerly UC Mexus). There have been several significant changes since the program was known as UC Mexus. The conclusion of the report was that the program is no longer have an MRU.

UCSD – The GC has been focused on program reviews, including a joint proposal between UCSD and SDSU.

UCSF – The campus has been discussing and dealing with issues related to unionization and TA activities.

UCSB – The member was not present.

UCSC – The Implementation Taskforce on Graduate Education published its report. It includes a 15-year analysis of graduate outcomes. The report underscored the importance of having support for graduate students and financing for graduate education.

#### **IV. Announcements from Academic Affairs**

*Theresa Maldonado, VP of Research and Innovation*

*Scott Brandt, AVP for Research and Innovation*

*Pamela Jennings, Executive Director of Graduate Studies*

*Todd Greenspan, Exec. Advisor, Academic Planning and Policy*

*Carmen Corona, Director of Academic Planning and Policy*

Executive Director Jennings told the group that she would be participating in the APC workgroup on the future of graduate education. She said that the CoGD recently had held a systemwide convening, which was very fruitful. Each of the campuses now has \$150K a year - for at least three years - for Growing Our Own. This gives the campuses a stabilized way to plan and set metrics for success. The grant review process for the UC-HBCU Initiative is next month. Grad Slam is this Friday at LinkedIn.

Vice President Maldonado said that her office had been very preoccupied with the Regents' Special Committee on Innovation. It is scheduled to disband in September, but the implementation is going to be a four-year project. The patent policy is still out for systemwide review. The Climate Action Initiative is moving forward; the panel meetings will take place in June. Announcements about the awards should be made at the beginning of September. The Hydrogen Hub proposal was submitted to the DOE; the deadline was April 7 for the phase 1 proposal and involves the entire state. The deadline was extended twice, and OP hopes to hear by May 12 if it has earned a site visit.

Members had questions for VP Maldonado and there was considerable discussion.

Analyst Procello said that his office has been working on Berkeley's CDSS proposal to get it ready for the Regents' meeting.

**V. Vice Chair's Report**

*Vice Chair Dean Tantillo*

The Vice Chair reported that he went to the last UCACC meeting of the year. UC is changing its risk tolerance statement and is going to take a middle-ground. It is tracking systemwide metrics, trainings, and malware detection. There is lingering and persistent anger about Oracle; faculty are losing grant funds, and UCACC will be issuing another statement. The main frustration is that the administration seems to feel that all of the problems have been fixed, which is not true. The campuses are left to "weather the storm," which is very disappointing.

**VI. Council of Graduate Deans' Report**

*Dean Jean-Pierre Delplanque*

Dean Delplanque reported that the CoGD met in-person. The day before the meeting, members met at OP to talk about AB 2881 which deals in part with the definition of a parent, which varies according to context. The CoGD also met with the Provost regarding the congress she will be holding on graduate education. The group also met with CFO Nathan Brostrom, who provided a broad overview of all things related to finances. The deans expressed a desire the help in any way possible, particularly in efforts to make graduate education more visible to the state. The CoGD met with Employee and Labor Relations and had a very productive conversation about many of the issues arising out of the recent strike. In a similar vein, CoGD held a plenary session which focused largely on the bargaining agreement.

The committee had questions for Dean Delplanque, and there was discussion.

**VII. Reports from the Student Representatives**

*Anne Berry, UCSB*

*Hash Brown Taha, UCLA*

Representative Berry reported that elections are being held and that UCOP interviews will be happening soon.

Representative Taha said that his campus was experiencing harassment and toxic behavior related to the union.

**VIII. New Program Proposals (Part 1)**

**A. Proposal for a Master of Management Program on the Davis Campus [SSGPDP]**

*Lead Reviewer: Tanya Nieri*

The Lead Reviewer explained that this program is specifically geared to people who do not have undergraduate business degrees. The proposers responded to queries from the Lead Reviewer and modified the proposal. The program has a detailed evaluation plan and regular data collection an analysis. The two solicited reviewers favorably evaluated the proposal.

**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 10-0-1.**

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

The Lead Reviewer has reached out to two individuals who reviewed the original proposal. He has received one review back, which is very brief but supportive. The proposers have addressed most of the concerns from the original proposal. UCPB raised a few issues, but encouraged the proposal to move forward. The Lead Reviewer hopes to have the other reviews in hand by the June meeting.

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

The Lead Reviewer has four reviews in plus the UCPB review. The program plans to hire lecturers to administer the core programs; The elective courses will be taught by regular faculty. The proposal did not have much length and detail. There are no CVs of contributing faculty, and the budget was just one page. UCPB said the proposal is too short and not convincing. In addition, the proposal has been around for some time; some reviewers noted that the demand for the program might have shifted since it was originally conceived in 2019. There is no redundancy in the key faculty and having only one elective might not be interesting to the students.

**Action Taken: The proposal was returned to the campus 10-0-1.**

- D. Proposal for a Master of Public Health on the Riverside Campus [PDST]  
*Lead Reviewer: Andrei Goga*

The Lead Reviewer has secured four reviewers, but only two have responded as of this point.

- E. Proposal to add an MA in Psychology Science *en Route* to the Existing PhD in Psychological Science on the Irvine Campus  
*Lead Reviewer: Andrew Fisher*

The Lead Reviewer said that – after some discussion with the proposers - the campus demonstrated that it had met the four criteria for establishing an *en route* Master's degree.

**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 8-0-1.**

- F. Proposal for a Master of Biotechnology on the Berkeley Campus [SSGPDP]  
*Lead Reviewer: Michelle O'Malley*

The Lead Reviewer has heard back from two reviewers and is awaiting the other two reviews.

## **IX. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership**

*Susan Cochran, Academic Council Chair*  
*James Steintrager, Academic Council Vice Chair*

Chair Cochran informed the committee that the President announced that (contingent on the five percent increase at the May Review) the academic salary schedule will be increased by 4.6 percent effective October 1. She encouraged faculty to talk to their campus administration

about what will be done about off-scale salaries. The campuses vary considerably regarding how they are handling this issue.

There is a Regents' workgroup that has been working on a report that has a couple of aspirational recommendations related to bringing UC to students via satellite campuses and "virtual" locations. It calls for a lot of investment in technology and infrastructure.

The Chair told the committee that Steven Cheung was elected as incoming Senate vice chair at the recent Assembly meeting. Relatedly, Council endorsed the recommendation from the COC on the Mid-Career Leadership Award. This year's awardees are Katheryn Russ (UCD) and Daniel Widener (UCSD). APC has launched a new workgroup on the future of doctoral education. This group will develop guidance on how faculty will mentor students as represented employees and how to distinguish between labor and education. Chair Cochran talked about the conditional approval of the College of Data Science and Society proposal from the Berkeley campus. The conditions stipulated by the Council were relayed to the Provost who sent them to the Berkeley chancellor, who sent them to the proposers; they responded very quickly.

The committee engaged in some discussion with Chair Cochran regarding the use/socialization of the document it had developed with UCEP on standardized terminology for online education. The group also discussed the development of guidance with regard to 299s and the advisement the committee had received from UC Legal.

## **X. New Program Proposals (Part 2)**

G. Proposal for an MA/PhD in Buddhist Studies on the Berkeley Campus

**Action Taken: Paul Macey was assigned as Lead Reviewer.**

H. Proposal for Master of Public Health on the Riverside Campus

**Action Taken: Andrei Goga was assigned as Lead Reviewer**

## **XI. Transfers, Name Changes, Consolidations, and Discontinuances**

A. Proposal to Disestablish the Master of Arts in Molecular, Cell, and Development Biology Program and Establish a Master of Science in Molecular, Cell, and Development Biology Program on the Los Angeles Campus

**Action Taken: Tanya Nieri was assigned as Lead Reviewer**

B. Proposal to Discontinue the Master of Advanced Studies in Leadership of Healthcare Organizations on the San Diego Campus – 10-0-1

**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 10-0-1.**

C. Proposal to Discontinue the Social Ecology Core Ph.D. Program on the Irvine Campus

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

## **XII. Online Terminology Workgroup Report**

*Paul Macey, UCLA*

*Tanya Nieri, UCR*

Professors Macey and Nieri explained that the language had been developed in concert with UCEP. They said that the fundamental distinction between an in-person class and other

modalities is whether it requires a classroom. The hope is to have the campuses adopt this language so that it is consistent systemwide and aligned with accreditation language. It should also be included as reference material in the CCGA Handbook.

**XIII. 299 Workgroup Report**

*Vice Chair Dean Tantillo*

*Jeffrey Schank (UCD)*

*Frithjof Kruggel (UCI)*

This report was moved to Executive Session.

**XIV. New Business**

Professor Nieri raised a concern about the cost of both graduate and undergraduate education.

**XV. Executive Session**

No minutes are taken during Executive Session.

The committee adjourned at 3:01 p.m.