UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA   **ACADEMIC SENATE**

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, May 4, 2022

I.   **Approval of the Agenda and Minutes**
      Action Taken: The agenda and minutes were approved 10-0-0.

II.   **Chair's Report**
      Chair Andrea Kasko

      The Chair updated the committee about the Assembly meeting that had taken place. The search
      for the new Provost is underway, as are the searches for the new Vice Provost and Senate
      Executive Director. The Senate leadership is going to meet with UC Legal about Chegg and
      Course Hero. Revenues in the state are very high, and UC is considering a one-time ask for
      capital improvements. The Assembly had a significant discussion about the memorial on climate
      change; this will be coming to the campuses.

      APC featured a long discussion about online undergraduate degrees; some faculty view them as
      inevitable and others see them as needing a more measured approach. Very few R1 universities
      have gone to fully online undergraduate degrees, and a lot of the arguments for them are not
      based on pedagogical issues.

III. **Vice Chair's Report**
      Vice Chair Erith Jaffe-Berg

      The Vice Chair announced that the final draft of the Dickens MRU is being discussed. She also
      said that the Master's Degree Review Process Workgroup had completed its work and that a
      draft report is being circulated. She expressed her thanks to Chair Kasko for her skillful work
      within that workgroup in maintaining the Senate's overview of graduate program proposals.
      Vice Chair Jaffe- Berg also commented that Executive Director Jennings had let a group
      through a discussion of the UC/HSI review process and she encouraged other members to
      participate. UCACC met; the primary discussion was how AI can be used responsibly. There
      was also an item on the Chief Information Security Officers' group on developing shared cyber
      metrics throughout the UC system; this was based on a request from the Board of Regents. UC
      is revising its major incident response processes. This is one of several recommendations
      coming out of the Excellion data breach. The group expressed great concern about ORACLE.
      UCM and UCSD are using it and have declared it "a disaster." That notwithstanding, all of the
      campuses will be implementing it.

      COGD held a conference at UCR; they are advocating for the campuses to have five years of
      guaranteed funding for graduate students.

      Academic Council had a robust meeting. Chair Horwitz and Vice Chair Cochran met with
      President Drake about problems that retirees and others had with the pharmaceutical provider
      Navitus. The President acknowledged that UC Health should not be running pharmaceutical
      benefits; they should be handled by HR. This has been changed, and HR has hired new people to
      handle this responsibility. Chair Horwitz announced the successful work of CCGA Chair Kasko
      and the APC workgroup. He also affirmed that he will be speaking about this at the Regents'

meeting and the issue of disinvestment of graduate education. He is asking for input from the councils of the CSU and CCC about the theft of intellectual property. There was a final report submitted to Provost Brown about the long-term effects of COVID. TFIR spoke at Council about their modeling website. It was a complicated presentation, but new hirers could be at a disadvantage when registered in to the retirement program. President Drake and the CFO joined Council and talked about retirement issues. The President also said that he is continuing to monitor the virus situation. Another issue of concern for him is campus safety and demilitarizing the appearance of the police. He closed with a discussion of the UC Native American Opportunity Plan which is a new initiative that allows students who are members of sovereign nations to attend UC without paying fees. He will be bringing it to the Regents on May 17.

IV.   **Announcements from Academic Affairs (part 1)**
Pamela Jennings, Executive Director of Graduate Studies
Todd Greenspan, Director of Academic Planning
Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst

Executive Director Jennings told the committee that Grad Slam would be held on Friday. Her office has been very busy with planning the event, which will be held at LinkedIn. President Drake will host, and Regent Jose Hernandez will serve as one of the judges. Regent Hernandez worked at LLNL for almost 17 years and also at NASA. She also discussed a program called SIEML which works with the six business schools across UC. It is being hosted this year at the UCLA Anderson School. This program is for students who are admitted from HSIs and the UCHBC schools. It is an important way to help diversify the business schools

Director Greenspan said that his office is working with the legislature to determine how UC can grow 6,000 undergraduates in one year. There is discussion about a compact with Governor Newsom about a fixed percentage amount every year for the next five years. The chancellors are continuing to have the 2030 conversation; President Drake wants UC to grow UC by 20K students by 2030. APC has been very busy. It has started a task force on the future of undergraduate education. Finally, UCSD's Eighth Undergraduate College proposal will be up for approval at the Regents' meeting next week.

Analyst Procello, echoed Director Greenspan's comments about the UCSD proposal and added that the Five-Year Planning Perspectives will be coming in approximately a month.

V.   **Council of Graduate Deans' Report**
Dean Jean-Pierre Delplanque

The Council of Graduate Deans met in person at UCR; it has been three years since it was able to meet in person. There were a number of sessions, and Dean Delplanque attended one on SSGPDPs. That group expressed similar concerns to the ones that are voiced at CCGA There was considerable discussion on the impact of SSGPDPs on state-supported programs and the amount of supervision they are given by the campuses. The group also discussed multi-year funding for graduate students. There are a variety of approaches, and some campus are already doing it. The challenge is that there is no new money. The other part of the equation is that there has not been a great deal of enrollment management. There was some discussion about bargaining; there are three bargaining units operating simultaneously. Finally, the deans shared the status of their campuses in terms of requiring the GRE.

VI.   Campus Reports

UCB – The campus has spent considerable time talking about departmental and program reviews. It also has spent a good deal of time discussing policy about what rules admissions committees are using. It also has been looking at a fairly controversial conflict of interest clause for admissions committee members.
UCD – The campus had nothing to report.
UCI – The campus has a new proposed School of Population and Public Health. It will be coming to CCGA soon.
UCLA – The campus academic council just voted to extend the Covid-related extensions.
UCM – The campus decided not to extend any temporary modifications that were put in place during Covid. Those will expire in the fall. There is a controversial school proposal that did not do well at the campus level, so it may not come to CCGA. The campus is working to modify its bylaws to change the terms of service for divisional council members, particularly the chairs of graduate council and undergraduate council. Merced is one of two campuses that has transitioned to Oracle, and the campus still cannot reconcile accounts. Oracle is "an unmitigated disaster" and it is having trickledown effect on graduate students and is significantly impacting faculty morale.
UCR – The campus is coming back to doing reviews of programs. The external reviewers broke their recommendations into two sections: department and administration. That allowed the issue of resources and pedagogy to be separated. The campus had a serious breach of shared governance related to a NAGPRA investigation of one of the departments. T
UCSD – In response to Oracle, the campus came up with an application where faculty can see their balances.
UCSF – The campus has been revisiting the graduate group bylaws. Responses are due by July first.
UCSB – The campus is hoping there will be money for deferred maintenance and for staffing.
UCSC – The member was not present.

VII.   Announcements from Academic Affairs (part 2)
Bart Aoki, Executive Director, Research Grants Program Office

Executive Director Aoki said that the Multi-Campus Research Programs and Initiatives call for applications is out; letters of intent are due May 12. They very strongly encourage graduate student participation. Also out is the Lab Fee Research Program in Residence Graduate Fellowships. These are partnerships with the national labs The letters of intent are due June 2 with a deadline for full proposals on September 8. The Climate Resilience Research funding that is in the governor's proposal survived a hearing process and is anticipated to make it through the May Revise. This has $185M in climate resilience, research, and innovation funding which will result in considerable activity and opportunities next year, starting July. It will also include opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to participate.

VIII.   Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership
Robert Horwitz, Academic Council Chair
Susan Cochran, Academic Council Vice Chair

Academic Council Chair Horwitz remarked that Chair Kasko had done a "terrific job" defending the Senate's position with the APC Workgroup on Master's Degrees. However, he noted, the issue will almost assuredly arise again in the future.

The Assembly passed the Climate Memorial with near unanimity; it now goes to the campuses. UC had an important victory though ICAS. The three California higher education segments agreed in a unanimous vote to create a new IGETC framework that it will align across the systems. The next step is to send the IGETC framework to the senates for a vote. HR has hired staff to handle the Navitus-related problems and phone calls. There is consideration to cancel the contract altogether and return to the previous provider. HR has also augmented its budget request to hire 16 people to restore retirement counseling in-person on the campuses.

At the March Regents' meeting, UC Legal reiterated that a litigation strategy is unlikely to succeed with services such as Course Hero and Chegg. The searches for the new provost and vice provost are getting started. The search for the next Senate executive director has concluded, and the position has been offered to Monica Lin. She has 22 years of experience at OP. Ms. Lin will start in June and will overlap with Executive Director Baxter for that month. The report on Mitigating the impact of Covid on faculty hast been submitted to Provost Brown. It will be presented at the May Regents' meeting. It is important that this report get to faculty members. In a similar vein, Council Vice Chair Cochran has redone the Covid experience survey that Council Chair Mary Gauvain did last year. It has been pivotal in explaining what the faculty experience has been over the past two years. Chair Horwitz stressed that faculty should complete the survey so that he can present the Regents with data.

In March, Academic Council addressed Senate Regulation 424 on the ethnic studies requirement. It also addressed the issue around political statements to department websites. After considerable debate, both were sent back to their respective committees. UCAADE completed its recommendation that it crafted UCAF on DEI statements for faculty hiring and promotion. Council endorsed the statement. The securities Exchange Commission issued guidance on public companies reporting their efforts around climate change and greenhouse gas emissions impacts. This will help the CFO's office. Finally, the administration has been working to get an abusive conduct policy in place and is pushing for an expedited second full Senate review. The Council responded that it would conduct it in the fall.

IX.   **New Program Proposals**

A. Proposal for an MS in Precision Medicine on the San Diego Campus [SSGPDP]
    Lead Reviewer: James Bisley

    The Lead Reviewer received three reviews. All three agreed that the proposal is not a degree in prevision medicine. Also, the proposal has no prerequisites and all three reviewers are worried that students will struggle. There are also major concerns about the program in general being useful, particularly as an SSGPDP. Furthermore, there is no justification for it being a fully-online degree, and it is not giving back to the state-supported programs.

    __Action Taken:__ The vote to approve the proposal failed 0-10-1.

B. Proposal for Master of Climate Solutions on the Berkeley Campus [SSGPDP]
    Lead Reviewer: Arvind Rajaraman

    The Lead Reviewer has secured four reviewers, but no reviews have been received yet.

C. Proposal to Convert the DNP/FNP State-Supported Program to an SSGPDP on the Davis Campus [SSGPDP]
Lead Reviewer: Candace Yano

The original DNP proposal was just approved last March and has not started receiving students. The program realized very quickly that it needed to be a self-supporting program. It discovered that it could not break even, and is proposing a slight increase in tuition and at the proposed PDST rate for the first three years and then increasing it by about $10K. UCPB spent one-and-a-half hours discussing it the proposal, and had lot of concerns. The accounting materials were not very well-prepared and there were inconsistencies. The SON has admitted students already and those students expect to start in June. The committee discussed the proposal at length and decided to request a clean, updated proposal that clarifies the issues of concern and attempt to hold an email vote before the next meeting.

D. Proposal for a MS in Data Science in Biomedicine on the UCLA Campus [SSGPDP]
Action Taken: Erith Jaffe-Berg was appointed as Lead Reviewer.

E. Proposal for a joint PhD in Computational Precision Health from the Berkeley and San Francisco Campuses
Lead Reviewer: Dean Tantillo

The Lead Reviewer has retained two reviewers and has emails out to others.

F. Proposal for a Post-Bac DNP on the San Francisco Campus
Lead Reviewer: Partho Ghosh

The proposal was submitted just a couple of weeks ago. The proposers think they do not need a review at CCGA. UCSF has a state-supported masters and a self-supporting DNP and it now wants to create a post-baccalaureate program. This is the new standard for nurse practitioners. The original program came through CCGA in 2017. The program has been running for four years and has not done a campus review yet. This morning, the campus sent CCGA a copy of their accreditation which started with a study in 2019. The committee discussed having a full CCGA review or considering decreasing the number of reviewers because of the accreditation report. The committee decided to move forward with one or two UC reviewers

X. **Transfers, Name Changes, Consolidations, and Discontinuances**

A.. Proposal to Change the Name of the Master of Arts in Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology to the Master of Science in Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology on the Santa Barbara Campus
Action Taken: The proposal was approved 10-0-1.

B. Proposal to Change the name of the Master of Arts in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology to the Master of Science in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology on the Santa Barbara Campus
Action Taken: The proposal was approved 10-0-1.

XI.   Letter: COVID's Impact on Graduate Students

CCGA will send the final draft to the CoGD with the goal of sending it to Council and then to the Provost by June 30.

XII.   Brainstorming: Graduate Student Think Tank Issues for Vice President Maldonado

Members suggested some ideas and agreed to discuss them with Vice President Maldonado when she comes to the next meeting.

XIII.   Postdoc Recruitment and Retention Issues

The committee discussed the issue extensively and raised a lot of questions. Chair Kasko said she would put some material together for the next meeting and the committee could discuss it further at that time.

XIV.   Update: APC Workgroup on Master's Degree Review

Chair Kasko that that the Workgroup report was final and had been shared with the Council and with the Provost.

XV.   Policy for Posthumous Degrees

This Item was postponed until the fall.

XVI.   English Language Testing/Requirements

Chair Kasko reminded the committee that at the conclusion of the last meeting, members shared their campus' thoughts and most campuses were ambivalent about whether English language testing should be a systemwide requirement or if it should be handled autonomously by the campuses. The question is how to proceed. Should CCGA vote to abolish the systemwide requirement and move it to the campuses or should CCGA say that OP should change the systemwide statement to say that it requires proficiency but does not require testing? The wording in 520 is problematic, and any suggested changes would need to go to Council

Chair Kasko said she would develop some wording and that the committee may vote on this electronically. CCGA may provide some guidance to campuses to avoid problems that the original wording has caused.

XVII. New Business

There was no new business.

The committee adjourned at 2:43.