

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

I. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Action Taken: *The agenda was approved as noticed, 7-0-0. The minutes were not yet ready for review.*

II. New Program Proposals

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

The Lead Reviewer explained that this was the second time this proposal had come before CCGA. He was able to secure three out of the original four reviewers to consider the proposal. The overall consensus is to approve the revised version. There are still some concerns, but they can be addressed as the program is implemented and at the time of its three-year review. UCPB is in support of approval.

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

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

The Lead Reviewer was not present, but reported via email. Despite repeated emails to them, two of the reviewers have not submitted reviews. If the Lead Reviewer is not able to get a response from them, he will move forward with the two reviews that are in-hand.

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

The Lead Reviewer has three reviews in-hand and the other is expected in a couple of days. The proposal has undergone considerable revision at Berkeley; the campus had concern about workload and lab space. The program will mainly serve international students. While the reviews were generally supportive, an important question regarding the handling of intellectual property remains. The Lead Reviewer will go back to the proposers for clarification.

- D. Proposal to add an *en route* MA to the existing PhD in Buddhist Studies on the Berkeley Campus
Lead Reviewer: Paul Macey

The Lead Reviewer stated that this was a straightforward proposal and recommended approval.

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

- E. Proposal for a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Graduate Academic Certificate (PMHNP-GAC) on the Davis Campus

Action Taken: Edmund Campion was assigned as Lead Reviewer.

III. Planning for the Visit with the Provost

The committee considered various topics of interest it would like to discuss with the Provost, who will attend a portion of the July meeting.

IV. 299 Workgroup Update

Vice Chair Dean Tantillo

Jeffrey Schank (UCD)

Frithjof Kruggel (UCI)

Martha Kim, UC Legal

This portion of the meeting was held under attorney-client privilege and minutes were not taken.

V. Presentation: UC Systemwide Advisory Workgroup on Students with Disabilities

Pablo Reguerín, UC Davis VCSA

Steve Sutton, UC Berkeley VCSA

Vice Chancellor explained that he and Vice Chancellor Sutton have been serving as co-chairs on a two-year workgroup - with considerable involvement from the Regents - to look at ways to make strides forward in the University's work with students with disabilities. The workgroup is comprised of about 30 staff, faculty, and students. The Regents ask for regular updates from the workgroup, and Vice Chancellors Reguerín and Sutton wanted to share material from those updates as well as hear from committee members how UC can better serve students with disabilities.

The workgroup came up with six "Elevated Items" that the co-chairs presented to the Regents:

- Sufficiently increase staffing at offices for students with disabilities so they can offer students an appointment within 2–4 business days of first contact.
- Require training for faculty, staff, and leadership on addressing and serving students with disabilities to ensure effective service of students with disabilities and to move toward UC's goal of disability inclusion.
- Require all campuses to have a full-time ADA Coordinator focused exclusively on disability compliance issues, consultation, and education.
- Develop and appropriately staff disability cultural/resource centers for students on each campus.
- Establish on each campus a disability task force appointed by the chancellor and co-chaired by a senior faculty member and a senior administrator. The task force will engage in an ongoing dialogue on disability inclusion and other issues concerning students with disabilities and will be tasked with developing actionable recommendations.
- Develop a systemwide community of practice by convening the chairs of the campus disability task forces semiannually, to share best practices and challenges and to ensure accountability.

Committee members had questions for the Vice Chancellors, and there was considerable discussion.

VI. New Business

There was no new business.

VII. Executive Session

Minutes are not taken during Executive Session.