

## COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

**Minutes of Meeting**  
Wednesday, July 5, 2023

**I. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes**

**Action Requested:** *The agenda and minutes were approved as noticed 8-0-0.*

**II. New Program Proposals****A. Proposal for a Master of Public Health on the Riverside Campus [PDST]**

*Lead Reviewer: Andrei Goga*

The Lead Reviewer reported that only two reviews had been submitted, one of which was quite critical. There was a question as to whether the program would adequately prepare students. The Lead Reviewer will get back to the proposers regarding the concerns and the program will be addressed at the October 2023 meeting.

**B. Proposal for a Master of Biotechnology on the Berkeley Campus [SSGPDP]**

*Lead Reviewer: Michelle O'Malley*

The Lead Reviewer reminded the committee that this program was discussed in-depth in June. Four reviews were submitted; the major concern expressed was about intellectual property. For students who are doing research experience with a company, work might be proprietary. There was also some concern about the rigor of the course. The proposers had a thoughtful response and adequately addressed those concerns.

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

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

*Lead Reviewer: Edmund Campion*

The Lead Reviewer explained that the proposal is connected with a multi-campus collaborative. The transfer plan is viewed as positive and healthy by the campus. It's 12 months in length and includes both synchronous and asynchronous courses. One reviewer looked at the proposal and felt that it was well-constructed and comes with strong support. As part of the transition, UCSF will help Davis get its accreditation.

**Action Taken:** *The proposal was approved 8-0-2.*

**D. Proposal for a Master of Real Estate Development on the Los Angeles Campus [SSGPDP]**

*(submitted 6/16)*

**Action Taken:** *Jeffrey Schank was assigned as Lead Reviewer.*

**III. Transfers, Name Changes, Consolidations, and Discontinuances****A. Proposal for a Simple Name Change from the Master of Advanced Studies in Architecture-Based Enterprise Systems Engineering to the Master of Advanced Studies in Convergent**

Systems Engineering with a Specialization in Architecture-Based Enterprise Systems on the San Diego Campus

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

- B. Proposal to Establish a New Major Code and Designation for a Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management on the Los Angeles Campus

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

- C. Proposal to Establish an Interdepartmental Degree Program (IDP) and BA in Disability Studies on the Los Angeles Campus

**Action Taken: This proposal does not need review by CCGA.**

- D. Proposal to Discontinue the Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics (MIMG) MS and PhD programs on the Los Angeles Campus

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

- E. Proposal to Convert the Advance Practice Registered Nurse Program to a Professional Doctor of Nursing Practice Program on the Los Angeles Campus.

This proposal will be voted upon via email.

#### **IV. Visit with the Provost**

*Provost Katherine Newman*

Members introduced themselves to the Provost. The Provost then talked about her educational and employment history. She said that her commitment to graduate education is very deep. She acknowledged that she came to the University after the graduate student strike, but the aftermath reflects a new reality that the University had to face. The moment calls for a reinvention of graduate education. A significant hurdle is the real limitation of funding for graduate education. There is a question about what is affordable and where UC is going to invest the dollars it has; the state will probably not “save” UC. Decisions are going to have to be made on the campuses. For the sciences (and other areas that are grant funded), the funding agencies have new limitations. They are facing pressure to distribute things more widely rather than granting large gifts to concentrated areas. She asked how can graduate education become more efficient. The Provost said she has an effort underway to try to address these questions and concerns. She intends to hold a system-level congress about the future of graduate education in early October. A second congress may be held in the spring.

Members had questions for the Provost and there was discussion.

#### **V. 299 Guidance: Feedback and Discussion**

The committee discussed the changes brought forward by Council. A new draft will be circulated via email and then will be resubmitted to Council in July.

#### **VI. New Business**

The Chair told the committee that UCSD is advertising and accepting applications (and application fees) for a Physician Assistant program that has not yet come to CCGA. The committee was strongly in opposition to this action and decided to write a letter to the

proposers asking that they stop accepting applications, refund fees, and update the website to reflect the program's current, unapproved status.

## **VII. Executive Session**

No minutes are taken during Executive Session.

The committee adjourned at 4:32 p.m.