

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Notice of Meeting

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- I. Approval of the Agenda and the Minutes of the November 7 meeting.

Action Taken: *The agenda and minutes were approved as noticed.*

- II. **Chair's Report** - *Chair Onyebuchi Arah*

The Chair did not make a report to allow time for the rest of the agenda items.

- III. **Vice Chair's Report** – *Vice Chair Ramesh Balasubramaniam*

The Vice Chair did not make a report to allow time for the rest of the agenda items.

- IV. **Publisher Negotiations**

Rich Schneider, UCOLASC Chair

Mr. Schneider provided an update on the University's negotiations with Elsevier and the steps the University would take if UC did not renew its contract with the publisher.

- V. **Granting of Posthumous Degrees** - *Chair Onyebuchi Arah*

The leadership wants UCEP and CCGA to help craft draft policy on posthumous graduate degrees that would work for all campuses. The Chair asked that campuses with policies for undergraduate degrees send it to him.

- VI. **Announcements from Academic Affairs**

Art Ellis, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies

Todd Greenspan, Director of Academic Planning

Pamela Jennings, Executive Director of Graduate Studies

Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst

The Vice President said that the final reports from the Tiger Teams have just been released. He is not sure how they will be distributed.

Director Greenspan said that the University had funding for 500 grad students and it enrolled 621 grad students.

- VII. **Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership**

Robert May, Academic Council Chair

Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Academic Council Vice Chair

The Chair said that any decision that UC makes about standardized testing will make national news. While the discussion now is about the SAT and the ACT, it could be expanded to include the GRE. Grad deans across the country feel graduate admissions should be based on a holistic review and not just the GRE. Many students do not have the money to pay for the GRE – it is a big issue in terms of equity.

Faculty salaries: Everything seems to be conforming to the principles that the Senate laid out last year. The campuses are responsible for off-step salaries. Most of what is being discussed

will be more generous than this year. The talk is now it will be four-year plan starting this coming year. The gap has gotten smaller but that seems to be the privates had very small increases this year.

Area D - There is a proposal to change one of the GE requirements for science from “lab science” (two are required) to “science” and to have three required. The Provost is opposed having the change to three sciences because he believes it will disproportionately effect URM. His belief is that URM students might not have access to three science courses.

VIII. SSGPDP Systemwide Review - Chair Onyebuchi Arah

The Chair explained that CCGA, with UCPB and UCAP, has been charged with looking at SSGPDPs and reviewing them as a whole: impacts on education, curriculum, budget and faculty. UCAP will be taking a lead on the faculty aspect, UCPB will be taking the lead on the economic issues. The committee should be able to let the leadership know by January if the April deadline is achievable.

IX. New Program Proposals

- A. Proposal to establish an MA in Global Health on the San Diego Campus – *Lead Reviewer Glen Mimura*

Action Taken: The proposal was approved 7-0-1

- B. Proposal to establish a Master of Bioprocess Engineering on the Berkeley Campus [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer Teamrat Ghezzehei*

The proposers have already responded to review comments but the committee felt they had not responded to the UCPB comments adequately. Tuition seems to increase very rapidly. The proposers said that they did not have much control – was set by the administration. One issue that does not seem to be addressed is the mix between state and self-supporting programs. There is not clear delineation and they best response is that they will review the arrangement once it is going. The response of the proposers seems inadequate.

- C. Proposal to establish an Interdepartmental Program in Biophysics for the MA/PhD degrees on the Riverside Campus.

- *Lead Reviewer Carlson Arnett*

This is an interdepartmental graduate program that fits the growing number of faculty at UCR that do this kind of work. They already have the infrastructure and the faculty there. The proposal is just formalizing it to a large degree. They have unique areas of expertise. The proposal was practically perfect. It was carefully done and they are very ready to have the program. Weaknesses are very minor.

Action Taken: The proposal was approved 7-0-1

- D. Proposal to establish a Masters in Supply Chain and Logistics Management on the Riverside Campus [SSGPDP]

- *Lead Reviewer Leroy Westerling*

Outstanding requests to seven people who have not yet responded; three are UC and four are external.

- E. Proposal to establish a joint Entomology BS/MS Five-Year Combined Degree program on the Riverside Campus

- *Lead Reviewer Caroline Streeter*

The lead reviewer put forward that the proposal did not need external reviewers because the only changes are administrative support for the students. There is currently a BS and MS and they want to double count up to 12 units of coursework for the undergraduate degree toward the MS degree. This is the only academic question. The combined programs will meet the same kind of academic standard as the standard MS program. The chair agreed that the program did not need extensive review.

- F. Proposal to establish a MFA in Environmental Art and Social Practice at the Santa Cruz Campus
– *Lead Reviewer Nancy Peluso*
The Lead Reviewer had not made progress on the review. It has been assigned to a new reviewer, Minnie Sarwal.
- G. Proposal to establish a Master of Engineering at the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP]
– *Lead Reviewer Lynn Russell*
Two non-UC reviews are in. She has asked 13 UC faculty to review and has not gotten anyone to agree yet.
- H. Proposal to establish a Master of Presentation Design at the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP]
– *Lead Reviewer Hyle Park*
Two external reviews have been secured and he is working to get internal reviews.
- I. Proposal to establish a PhD in Language Science at the Irvine Campus
– *Lead Reviewer Gina Dent*
The reviewers are still working on the proposal.
- J. Proposal to establish an MS in Natural Language Processing at the Santa Cruz Campus
– *Lead Reviewer Amr El Abbadi*
Four reviewers have been secured and they all look positive.
- K. Proposal to establish an Online MBA Program on the Davis Campus [SSGPDP]
– *Lead Reviewer Priya Ranjan*
Three outside reviewers have been secured and one from UC.
- L. Proposal to establish a Flexible Master of Social Welfare at the Berkeley Campus [SSGPSP]
– *Lead Reviewer Ramesh Balasubramaniam*
The Lead Reviewer hopes to have other reviewers lined up by January.
- M. For Committee Discussion: Change to existing UCI Master of Embedded and Cyber-Physical Systems (SSGPDP)
The committee is comfortable with the campus decision.
- N. Proposal for a Certificate Program in Supplemental Studies in Advanced Practice in Nursing on the San Francisco campus.
Action Taken: The proposal was assigned to Nancy Peluso.

X. For Committee Review and Discussion

- A. [Medical Abortion at UC Student Health Centers and the UC SHIP Insurance Plan \[from HCTF\]](#)

Is the referral policy and pharmacy access to Plan B enough? What more is needed?
The chair will write a letter on this issue.

XI. Updates from the Campuses

Members shared what proposals (if any) they would be having come in during the next several months.

Adjourned at 2:55