UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC SENATE COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Item I. **Consent Calendar** A. Approval of the Agenda and Approval of the Minutes of November 2016. Action Taken: The agenda was approved as noticed. The minutes were not yet ready due to work being done related to graduate degree approval timelines. Chair's Report - Chair Kwai Ng II. Budget Call Academic Council Meeting The Chair discussed the extra 2500 undergraduate students that the 10 campuses are going to absorb. The budget call addressed ways the University is going to ensure it does not overenroll too many students relative to the target. Last year, the University enrolled 5900 students, but only received money for 5000. There is no new money for campuses beyond the enrollment growth funding of \$25 million. At the Regents' meeting in November, UCOP began to propose a modest tuition increase, but protests inside the meeting cut short the presentation. It is likely that even a small increase – this would be the first in six years – would not get the support from the Regents. The Academic Council meeting included discussion of a cap on non-resident enrollment. Associate President Nina Robinson gave a presentation on UCOP's negotiations with the Regents about the cap on non-resident students, including a proposal for a systemwide cap of 20 percent that could be spread among the campuses. The Regents turned this idea down. They suggested a campus-level cap of 20 percent; currently, three campuses are over that mark: UCB, UCLA, and UCSD. (This is all undergraduate enrollment - there is no discussion of limiting the number of non-resident graduate students.) **III.** Vice Chair's Report – Vice Chair Karen Duderstadt The CoGD meeting featured information on NASA/AMES research lab and the opportunity for a partnership between NASA and UC students. (NASA is prohibited from working with the University itself.) Pamela Brown reported on Graduate Student Wellbeing, and the meeting also included a report on the doctoral completion survey. President Napolitano spoke about DOCA

students and he results of the recent presidential election. The UC's stand on DOCA was important to those students on both a professional and personal level. There was no discussion about the timeline for graduate program approvals and it was reported that the President feels that it is fully appropriate for the Senate to give advice on graduate program proposals.

IV. Policies Under Review

A. Proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 182 to expand the charge of that committee into a broader range of international topics and activities - *Richard Arneson lead discussant*.
 Professor Arneson explained that this is proposed revision expanding the charge of UCIE (the University Committee on International Education). Most of that committee's work has been related to study abroad, but in the last decade UC has expanded its international reach. To a

certain extent, the proposed revision would be formalizing what the committee is actually doing and (perhaps) involve some actual expansion. The committee, for instance, might be asked to provide more formal advising on international collaborations, etc. This bylaw change would allow UCIE to initiate policy proposals and would be expense–neutral; there might be a few more committee meetings each year, but data analysis, etc., would be done (as it is now) at the OP level. The proposed bylaw change says nothing about the kinds of international collaborations that should be handled at the campus level and what should be systemwide.

Senate Chair Jim Chalfant stated that the proposed revision had been vetted by UCR&J and that it goes along well with the President's International Activities Policy which CCGA has already approved.

Chair Ng asked Professor Arneson to draft a committee response to Council that would be circulated among the committee members.

- B. Proposed revisions to Senate APM 015, APM 106 & UC Senate Bylaw 335 The Chair will write and state that CCGA does not feel compelled to opine on this issue.
- C. Proposed revised policy on Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition.
- The Chair noted that the PDST policy is deeply relevant to the work of CCGA and that it is important for the committee to comment on it extensively. The draft policy is suggesting the use of a multi-year plan, but in reality it would entail the submission of a "mini plan" on a yearto-year basis. The new policy does not specify the duration of the multi-year plan. In the past, PDST proposals used a list of comparators to determine how much PDST should be charged. This process led to some large discrepancies in PDST from program to program. The new policy is trying to set the tuition more on a need-based level. Program must specify how the PDST fee raised can address demonstrated needs. That said, there is still some expectation that the Regents will want to know how OP PDST compares to what similar programs offer/charge.

V. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership

Jim Chalfant, Academic Council Chair

Shane White, Academic Council Vice Chair

Council Chair Chalfant explained that the University is planning on transitioning from annual discussions about enrollment to long-range (20-30 year projection) enrollment planning by asking the campuses what they consider their individual "optimal size" and what costs would be associated with that size. There is no precise way to estimate the repair of old buildings- it is very speculative – but best-guess estimates must be made. It is left to the campuses what to assume about capacity, interest rates on borrowing, and how to involve faculty at t local level.

Council Vice Chair White said that the University is asking for funding for 900 grad students from the state. Last year, UC asked for funding for 600 grad students; both houses liked the proposal, but it was vetoed by the governor.

In a similar vein, one-time Proposition 2 funds have been used to bolster UCRP. However, the state is still not meeting its obligation to UC retirees. The University is trying to see if it can work with the state to make the one-time funds permanent. Student fees are being increased .05% to strengthen support for student mental health. A tuition adjustment in the 2.5% range was also proposed, but was not well-received at the Regents' meeting.

Donations to UC were \$2.1M last year, with 146 endowed chairs added. That said, donations are not going to replace state funding. Costs for the state are increasing, which is going to result in

renewed pressure to reduce appropriations to the University.

VI. Presidential Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program (PPFP) – *Vice Provost Susan Carlson* The Vice Provost said that the PPFP is tremendously successful. About five years ago, a cut was made to the program's funding, but those dollars were reinstated three years ago. In addition, President Napolitano has enhanced its budget twice since coming on board. The program has expanded the number of fellows in conjunction with the campuses' support. Interest in the program is very high, but the current hiring incentive cap is having a somewhat negative effect on its efficacy. Despite these problems, the Vice Provost noted that the program is still a valuable tool for improving the diversity of the UC community even if the hoped-for hires do not materialize.

The PPFP website shows what fellowships are available. The director sends a letter to the chancellors every year about the PPFP, but the program is still very much in need of publicity. Committee members suggested bringing it up to the Council of Graduate Deans.

VII. Proposals Carried Over from 2015-16

- A. Proposal to establish a new MS/PhD in Environment and Sustainability on the Los Angeles campus *Lead Reviewer Michael Dawson* Graduates of this program will primarily move into academia but might also be professionally oriented. Members expressed dissatisfaction with the proposers' responses to earlier feedback. The Lead Reviewer will send the committee's questions and concerns to the campus and ask them to respond as rapidly as possible.
- B. Proposal to establish a new Professional Graduate Degree Program in Nursing Leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice [SSGPDP] on the San Francisco Campus *Lead Reviewer Mike Coffey*

Reviews are coming in. The Lead Reviewer will send that feedback – along with UCPB's review – to the campus for its response.

VIII. Program Proposals

A. Proposal to establish a new Masters of Science in Business Analytics on the Los Angeles Campus [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer David Min*

Two reviews are in and an additional one is expected shortly. Overall, this seems to be a solid proposal.

B. Proposal to establish a new Masters of Business Analytics on the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP] - Lead Reviewer Phil Kaminsky

One review is in and three more promised within the next few weeks. The finished review raised some concerns about the technical depth of some of the courses. The Chair suggested that the committee inform the proposers that CCGA has approved three MS of Business Analytics, and that the title is an option they can adopt as well, though not necessary.

 C. Proposal to establish a new Masters of Conservation and Restoration Science on the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer Donald Smith* The reviews so far have been generally positive; the remainder should be received before the holiday break. D. Proposal to establish a new MS/PhD in Public Health on the Merced Campus – *Lead Reviewer* Onye Arah

Three reviews have been received, and the Lead Reviewer is expecting the fourth by the end of this week. As of now, there do not appear to be any red flags.

E. Proposal to establish the Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing on the Irvine Campus – *Lead Reviewer Karen Duderstadt*

This is a school proposal which necessitates a different level of review and consideration. There has been some interest - because of the donation - to move this through quickly. It already has moved forward considering it is a school proposal – the campus bypassed the pre-proposal process. Overall the reviews (three so far) have been positive. Within the UC nursing community, the Irvine program has been seen as a school for a period of time even though it does not have that title. The proposal has a very strong budget because of the philanthropic donation. The Lead Reviewer stated that she has had difficulty obtaining another internal review, and it was agreed that the proposal could move forward with three reviewers. The committee intends to get feedback from the campus regarding its concerns and vote by January 17th in order to make it onto the Council agenda of the 19th.

- F. Proposal to establish a graduate program for the MFA degree in Social Documentation on the Santa Cruz campus. – *Lead Reviewer Ana Peluffo* This appears to be a very strong proposal. Reviews are still in process.
- G. Proposal for a Program of Professional Graduate Studies with PDST for a Master of Management offered by a new Graduate Group in Management of Innovation, Sustainability, and Technology on the Merced Campus *Action Taken: Richard Arneson assigned as Lead Reviewer.*
- H. Proposal for a Self-Supporting Program of Graduate Studies in Drug Development and Product Management for the Master of Science Degree at the San Diego campus [SSGPDP] <u>Action Taken</u>: Ramesh Balasubramanium assigned as Lead Reviewer.

IX. Transfers, Consolidations, Disestablishments, and Discontinuances

- A. Proposal to Create a Dual MD/MS-BATS Degree Program on the Irvine Campus The Chair will write the campus letting them know that they do not need to submit a proposal for this action; they can handle it at the campus level.
- B. Proposal to change the name of the "International and Area Studies" graduate group and MA program to "Global Studies" on the Berkeley campus.
 <u>Action Taken:</u> The committee concurred with the decision that it was a simple name change 10-0-1.

X. Announcements from Academic Affairs

Art Ellis, Vice President of Research and Graduate Studies Pamela Jennings, Graduate Studies Director Todd Greenspan, Director of Academic Planning Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst

Vice President Ellis remarked that ORGS is in the midst of strategic planning with Academic Affairs. A study is being conducted to identify connections across UC and CSU and to see if UC do some sort of early admissions for CSU students for graduate school. The Vice President has concluded his visits to all of the campuses and labs; the Los Alamos M&O contract will be up in

2018 and UC is applying for an extension. It might be helpful to have Lab Director Kimberly Budil come to talk to the committee about the Laboratories. New estimated fall enrollment numbers they are in and show some graduate student growth. Berkeley and San Diego added hundreds of students; the other campuses added minimal amounts.

XI. New Business: Issues of Concern at the Divisions

This item was not addressed due to lack of time.

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

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