

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

ACADEMIC SENATE

**COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS
MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 9, 2014**

Present: Donald Mastronarde (Chair, UCB), Jutta Heckhausen (Vice Chair, UCI), Maite Zubiaurre (UCLA), Kwai Ng (UCSD), Paul Dourish (UCI Alternate), John Bolander (UCD), Kathleen Hull (UCM Alternate), Shauna Somerville (UCB), John Kim (UCR), E. Bruce Robertson (UCSB), Bruce Schumm (UCSC), Youngho Seo (UCSF), Amiéé Dorr, Hilary Baxter, Pamela Jennings, Mary Gilly (Council Vice Chair), William Jacob (Council Chair), Martha Winnacker, Kim Barrett (CoGD), Tyrus Miller (CoGD), Andrew Szeri (CoGD), and Fredye Harms (Committee Analyst),

I. Chair's Report/Announcements/Updates

Chair Mastronarde apologized for the recent difficulty in committee communication and stated that everything should be caught up and moving smoothly in the future. From this point forward, the agenda will be distributed one week before the meeting. Items that are not ready for distribution at that point will be sent as a single package the Monday or Tuesday before the meeting so as to avoid confusion and excessive mailings.

At the April 2 Academic Council meeting, it was announced that the issue of the composite benefits rate is coming down to the wire, largely because of a strong statement by the Senate. A final recommendation is to be presented by May 1.

Daniel Hare, who has served on UCFW, is going to be the next Vice Chair of the Academic Council. Chair Mastronarde noted that Professor Hare has done a fantastic job with composite benefits and health insurance issues and is very familiar with many of the difficult issues facing the Senate.

Vice Chair Heckhausen informed the committee that an All-UC Conference on Doctoral Education will be held on April 15. The Conference will have representatives from each campus and will discuss four major topics: professional development and partnerships, non-resident supplemental tuition, overall competitiveness in net stipends, and competitiveness in diversity and student recruitment. Proposals specific to these topics will be discussed in the subgroups, and the reports will be brought back to the Conference as a whole. The outcome of the Conference will inform the Provost who will report to the Regents with recommendations of best practices. It is anticipated that this presentation will take place at the July Regents' meeting.

II. Consent Calendar

The agenda was approved with some leeway granted to the scheduling of topics in order to be able to get through all the important items. The topic of Supplementary Military Pay was added to Item VII. The minutes were approved as noticed.

III. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership

Academic Council Chair William Jacob discussed the ongoing deliberations regarding the composite benefit rate. The goal is find combinations that result in the least funding shifts. Professor Jacob encouraged any members interested in becoming engaged in the process to send him an email. The final draft is intended to go to the chancellors on May 7.

Almost all of the easy issues regarding SSGDPs have been resolved. The more complicated issues have to do with the definition of SSGDP. Provost Dorr created a subcommittee to come up with language which will go out for review, most likely next academic year. The committee discussed issues of access, funding, and appropriateness with regard to SSGDPs.

IV. Announcements from the President's Office, Academic Affairs

Graduate Studies Director Pamela Jennings informed the committee that Graduate Research Advocacy Day had been held on March 12 in Sacramento. Nine of the campuses were represented by two students each, with UCLA having four. President Napolitano and Nobel Prize Laureate Schekman (UCB) also were present. The students had a chance to ask President and Professor Schekman questions during the course of the day. The group was not able to meet with the governor on this trip, but did meet with his chief of staff. This was the fifth year UC participated, and the students found it useful and provided good feedback. Director Jennings encouraged committee members to look at OP's webpage about the Advocacy Day for further information, particularly at the brochure that highlights the research done by the students:

<http://www.ucop.edu/graduate-studies/initiatives-outreach/outreach/graduate-research-advocacy-day.html>.

Chair Mastronarde remarked that the brochure was wonderful but was focused on health and science; he stated that it would be nice to have a page for the humanities and social sciences in the future.

Director Jennings told the committee that she intends to have someone from Institutional Research and Academic Planning (IRAP) give a preliminary presentation on the graduate student survey. The results will encompass the whole system; highlights should be ready in June. In addition, the Bay Area Science and Innovation Consortium has agreed to come before the Regents in July to talk about the value of PhDs (particularly UC PhDs) in terms of industry.

Assistant Director Hilary Baxter remarked that the President had expressed concern regarding the program approval process. The Provost's Office is working to develop a template for program approval letters that satisfactorily would address her questions. A few iterations of this letter have been developed, and a draft is currently being reviewed by the President's Office. The Provost's Office hopes to have the issue resolved quickly so that program approvals do not become seriously delayed.

V. Conversation with Provost Dorr

Provost Dorr noted that when she came to OP, it was essentially *pro forma* to write a short letter regarding an approved program and then send it to the president. However, President Napolitano has written the Provost back asking about details that characteristically were not included in the letter and would not necessarily be known to her. The Provost stated that - between the campus review and CCGA - proposals are usually quite thorough, and any questions are addressed before they get to the President. In response to the President's concerns, the Provost's Office has been working to create a boiler plate letter that would spell out the various review processes undertaken in the proposal development process. If President Napolitano has further questions or concerns, the Provost might ask her to come to a CCGA meeting to discuss the process and clarify any grey areas.

Chair Mastronarde noted that the Senate's role in reviewing proposals to add PDST to existing non-PDST program is not clear. In 2011, CCGA sent a letter to then-Provost Pitts, which was disregarded. Chair Mastronarde will resend the letter to Provost Dorr, and will ask her to respond officially.

VI. Proposed Graduate Degrees and Programs for Review

A. Proposal from the UCLA Department of Economics to Establish a Master of Applied Economics

The reviewer expressed concerns regarding the project budget, cap on students, space, and high cost. He stated that the issue of the capstone was not adequately addressed. The committee determined that it would write a letter asking for more clarity on the budget and other details, and informing the proposers that the name of the proposal is to be changed.

B. Proposal for a Program of Graduate Studies in Global Studies for the Ph.D. Degree at UC Santa Barbara

Action Taken: *Members voted 11-0-1 to approve the program.*

C. Proposal for an M.A. in Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics at UC Irvine

Reviewers are currently being sought for this proposal.

D. Proposal for a Joint Ph.D. in Applied Social Science with an emphasis on Substance Abuse at UC San Diego

Discussion on this proposal was postponed to the May meeting due to the absence of the lead reviewer.

E. Proposal for a Master of Advance Studies (MAS) Degree in Data Science and Engineering (DSE) at UC San Diego

The lead reviewer will draft a report/recommendation, the committee will review the proposal materials, and the Chair will consult with members over the next weeks to determine if the committee wants to vote on the proposal before the next meeting.

F. Proposal for a Program of Graduate Studies in Physics for the MS and PhD Degrees at UC Merced

Reviewers are currently being sought for this proposal.

G. Proposal for a MA and PhD in Integrated Composition, Improvisation, and Technology and UC Irvine

Action Taken: *Shauna Somerville will serve as lead reviewer for this proposal.*

H. Proposal for a Master of Science Degree in Health Policy and Law (HPL) at UCSF

Action Taken: *Kwai Ng will serve as lead reviewer for this proposal.*

I. Proposal for the Physician Assistant Studies (PAS) program to convert from a PDST to a SSP Program at UC Davis

Action Taken: *Donald Mastronarde and Kwai Ng will serve as lead reviewers on this proposal.*

VII. Consultation

A. Senate Regulation 682

After some discussion, it was decided that Chair Mastronarde would ask Graduate Deans Szeri (UCB) and Miller (UCSC) to provide their perspective on SR 682 and the usefulness of the advancement to candidacy process for the Master's degree.

B. Graduate Education in the Humanities Fields

Members reviewed the one-page draft on the humanities and opined as to possible additions/changes that could be made to strengthen the argument. Professor Robertson will bring a revised version of the document to the May meeting.

C. Handbook Revisions

Chair Mastronarde led the committee through his revisions to the Handbook and asked for their input regarding updates, deletions, and additions. Members carefully considered the proposed changes and made suggestions for additional amendments to the draft. Attention was paid to

using uniform terminology throughout the document, which previously had been revised in a piecemeal fashion.

The Chair made notes of the suggested corrections and changes, and will prepare a final draft for the May meeting.

D. Presidential Policy on Copyright and Fair Use

Member Bruce Schumm will review the policy and will report back to the committee at the May meeting.

E. Whistleblower Policy

Members discussed various aspects of the Policy, expressing diverse concerns. Chair Mastronarde asked members to forward any specific concerns to him by the end of the week and that he would forward them to the Academic Council.

F. AB 2350 (Bonilla) Postsecondary Education: Equity in Higher Education Act

The committee discussed the issue, noting ambiguity in many details of the bill in relation to practical application. Senate Associate Director Todd Giedt agreed to draft a letter outlining these points with a focus on CCGA's concerns about the lack clarity in the terminology of the bill and confusion as to source of funding to pay for the leaves of absence.

G. Supplementary Military Pay

Members determined that CCGA does not have a role in commenting on this issue and agreed to issue a statement to that effect.

Action Taken: The committee voted unanimously to respond as described above.

VIII. Discussion of Issues at Divisional Graduate Councils

Members raised issues of concern or confusion on their campuses and the committee discussed them. The results of those discussions will be brought back to the respective campuses.

IX. New Business: Discussion Items

There was no new business raised by the committee.

X. Executive Session

No minutes are taken during executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Attest: Donald Mastronarde, CCGA Chair
Prepared by Fredye Harms, Committee Analyst