

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

ACADEMIC SENATE

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

MEETING MINUTES – MAY 7, 2014

Present: Donald Mastronarde (Chair, UCB), Jutta Heckhausen (Vice Chair, UCI), Alex Bui (UCLA Alternate), Carol Burke (UCI), John Bolander (UCD), Valerie Leppert (UCM), Shauna Somerville (UCB), John Kim (UCR), E. Bruce Robertson (UCSB), Bruce Schumm (UCSC), Youngho Seo (UCSF), Joel Norris (UCSD Alternate), Hilary Baxter, Pamela Jennings, Mary Gilly (Council Vice Chair), William Jacob (Council Chair), Pamela Brown, Chris Furguele, Susannah McCormick, Sandra Wulff, Tyrus Miller, Hiromi Masunaga (CSU), Chris Mallon (CSU), Rachael, Goodhue, Todd Giedt, and Fredye Harms (Analyst)

I. Chair's Report/Announcements

Chair Donald Mastronarde mentioned that Senate Bylaw 55 (voting rights) was discussed at the recent Academic Council meeting. Overall, there is no consensus; however Council Chair Jacob will be writing a letter to the divisions explaining that most campuses have units that grant voting rights already. and that each campus has the ability to grant them if they so choose.

Vice President Patrick Lenz spoke to the Council and noted that the University has been participating in positive discussions with the governor about the budget. In a similar vein, the state has been entertaining discussion regarding a new ballot initiative to govern the rainy day fund that might put greater restrictions on the terms and conditions of its use. A constitutional amendment to repeal Prop 209 has been derailed by some members of the state legislature.

Provost Dorr gave report at the Council meeting regarding the All-UC Conference. Council Chair Jacob reported on the composite benefits issue, which is supposed to come to a conclusion at the May 7 chancellors meeting. Council Chair Jacob and his allies developed calculations and spreadsheets that detail the possible scenarios created by different groupings of staff. It was noted that Ohio State University already has a system in place that is almost exactly what the Senate has been asking for, and that it is working successfully.

The Academic Council approved and is sending forward a recommendation a formulated by UCFW regarding the UCRS unfunded liability.

A special group of the Academic Planning Council has held a final meeting on the SSP revision. The latest version should be out shortly and will be distributed for a 60-day Senate review.

Committee Vice Chair Jutta Heckhausen reported to members regarding the two-day Council of Graduate Deans (CoGD) meeting. An initial topic of the meeting was the ongoing labor dispute; no real progress has been made. Negotiations, which have lasted for over a year, cover issues related to pay, work conditions, and undocumented students. Factions within the UAW differ in their approach to the situation, which has resulted in one year lost and a consequential lag in TA pay compared to similar institutions.

The UC-HBCU initiative has proven very successful, with six HBCU former interns currently enrolled on UC campuses and seven more will be enrolled in the fall.

The central administration for UC LEADS (**L**eadership **E**xcellence through **A**dvanced **D**egree**S**) is now at the Santa Barbara campus. The University needs to consider better ways to recruit these students into UC Graduate programs.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the Agenda

B. Approval of the Minutes of April 9, 2014

Action Taken: Members agreed to reorder the agenda as necessary to accommodate presenters and members who were participating via teleconference. The minutes were approved with no changes.

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

IRAP Vice President Pamela Brown presented information regarding the Graduate Alumni Survey and its outcomes. Among the key findings was that the majority of doctoral alumni spend their careers in higher education, though many land in private industry in engineering and physical sciences. Overall, most end up being relatively stable in the field they studied.

The study focused on alumni who graduated between 1944 and 2013. Ms. Brown showed a series of PowerPoint slides comparing various aspects of the survey data, and explained that the results soon will be sorted and detailed by campus and will be sent out to the campuses.

Assistant Director Baxter reported that the Five-Year Perspectives would be available at the next meeting.

IV. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership

Academic Council Chair Gilly noted that Associate Director Giedt Todd had well-summarized proposals that came out of the All-UC conference.

There is no news regarding the composite benefit rates; the decision has now been left to the president. The plans have changed several times in the past few days; one currently under consideration provides more money to supplement tuition by taking money from grants and putting it in the general fund. This proposal helps undergraduates but impacts graduate students. Chair Mastronarde noted that the University owed Chair Jacobs a great debt of gratitude for his work on the composite benefit rate over the past two years.

V. All-UC Conference

Vice Chair Heckhausen remarked that the conference featured a mix of plenary events and subcommittees on four topics. The subcommittees met and discussed best practices and then came together to discuss proposals. A number of recommendations came from the meeting and are now being reviewed by the campuses and OP. Feedback is due back to the Provost and to Chair Jacob by the next Academic Council meeting; final recommendations will be brought to the Regents in July. Chair Mastronarde agreed to draft CCGA's comments on the recommendations in the next few days and to send it to the committee members for review and input.

VI. Proposed Graduate Degrees and Programs for Review

- A. Proposal from the UCLA Department of Economics to establish a Master of Applied Economics – The lead reviewer anticipated having materials for discussion in June.
- B. Proposal for an M.A. in Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics at UC Irvine - The lead reviewer anticipated having materials for discussion in July.
- C. Proposal for a Joint Ph.D. in Applied Social Science with an Emphasis on Substance Use at UC San Diego (with San Diego State University) – Campus representatives and committee members discussed the proposal with representatives from the California State University system. All

parties agreed that additional work was needed in order to bring forward a proposal that was comprehensive and capable of implementation within the UC and CSU systems.

- D. Proposal for a Program of Graduate studies in Physics for the M.S. and Ph.D. Degrees at UC Merced - The lead reviewer anticipated having materials for discussion in June.
- E. Proposal for a M.A. and Ph.D. in Integrated Composition, Improvisation, and Technology at UC Irvine -- The lead reviewer anticipated having materials for discussion in July.
- F. Proposal for a Master of Science Degree in Health Policy and Law (HPL) at UCSF – Postponed until the lead reviewer returns from overseas.
- G. Proposal for a Conversion of MHS-PAS from State-Supported with PDST to SSP at UCSD
Committee members discussed the history of the program and its initial intent and vision. It was agreed that the original proposal was in some ways ill-founded, the program was inherently too valuable to let fall by the wayside due to poor planning in the past. While members agreed that the proposal should be approved, the committee strongly expressed its belief that a clear and careful qualifying letter should accompany the approval, to avoid setting precedents regarding future conversion requests. Chair Mastronarde agreed to draft the letter and forward it to the committee.
Action Taken: *Members voted unanimously (with two abstentions) to approve the program.*
- H. Proposal for a Reconstitution and Name Change in African American Studies at UC Los Angeles
Action Taken: *Members voted unanimously (with one abstention) to approve the name change.*
- I. Request to Renew the Interim Individual Graduate Program (IIGP) at UC Merced
UCM continues gradually moving doctoral students off the IIGP as disciplinary programs are approved; CCGA is asked each year for an extension of IIGP. After discussion, it was decided that Chair Mastronarde would incorporate in the letter approving a one-year extension a request that UCM report back with a list of the remaining IIGP programs and the plan for regularization, noting that no new IIGP tracks should be instituted.

Action Taken: *Members voted unanimously (with one abstention) to approve the continuation with the stipulation that UCM provide an update of its progress and timeline on programs from this point forward.*

VII. Policies and Issues

- A. Senate Regulation 682 – Chair Mastronarde informed the committee that he would consult with Associate Director Giedt regarding the UCR&J position on this issue.
- B. Graduate Education in the Arts and Humanities – As of meeting time, there was nothing to report on this issue.
- C. Copyright and Fair Use – After consultation with the committee, Chair Mastronarde remarked that he would write a letter to the Council saying that CCGA appreciated being consulted but that it declined to weigh in on this topic.
- D. AB 2350 AB 1834
These and items are still under consideration and will be up for discussion at a later date as situations evolve.

VIII. CCGA Handbook Revision

Action Taken: *Members voted unanimously to approve the revised CCGA Handbook, subject to verification of a few final details in email discussion.*

IX. Discussion of Issues at the Divisional Graduate Councils

Members brought forward and discussed items of concern on each of the campuses.

X. New Business

No new business was brought forward by the committee.

XI. Executive Session

There are no minutes taken during Executive Session.

The Committee adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Attest: Donald Mastronarde, CCGA Chair
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