

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

ACADEMIC SENATE

**Minutes of Meeting --Wednesday, October 1, 2014**

**I. Chair's Report**

Chair Jutta Heckhausen gave the committee a brief overview of CCGA's function and processes, and reminded members to consult the handbook for details and guidance throughout the year.

The Chair also outlined the most likely issues that CCGA will address in the year ahead, with special attention to the many questions surrounding professional Master's degrees. UC anticipates approximately 56 such proposals will come forward this year. We will have to monitor if these programs really are self-supporting over the long run, whether they are beneficial and not detrimental to the associated (neighboring) state-supported programs. Access and affordability are important considerations that will need to be taken into account. Moreover, there are concerns that if certain disciplines or certain campuses have an easier time to market these self-supporting programs, imbalances across disciplines of across campuses will result and long-term lead to significant disparities in funding between them.

A related issue is the topic of degree names. Many of the professional degree programs request names similar to those granted to academic programs. However this can create confusion, particularly for the public. CCGA has recommended that professional degree programs should use the name format "Master of x" (e.g., Accounting) instead of using traditional academic degree titles such as M.A. or M.S. This was an issue which previous CCGA chair Donald Mastronarde raised and made steps to explore long-term solutions, specifically to allow such a title format to be approved once for a given campus, instead of requiring lengthy title approval for each and every of these programs. This may be an issue CCGA will take on this year

The Chair brought up the topic of eliminating non-resident student tuition (NRST) after the first year. Tyrus Miller said that the graduate deans are collecting information and will have a meeting about the future of NRST at the end of the month.

The Historically Black Colleges and Universities partnership is running very well with increasing numbers of students becoming involved. The Hispanic Serving Institutions/Tribal Colleges and Universities proposal has been endorsed by the Council and the graduate deans have endorsed it; it is currently moving through OP for additional review.

Vice Chair Valerie Leppert reported issues that were mentioned at the Chair/Vice Chair Retreat and the Academic Council meeting held at UCOP. The Total Remuneration Study will be a major topic in 2014-15, as will the continued implementation of UC's new healthcare plan, which has had a somewhat problematic first year.

The Vice Chair said that President Napolitano is looking at ways to generate funds for the University. She has removed restrictions for UC investing in its own start-ups. The former policy on industry relations has been rescinded, but there is a concern on the part of the Senate that the new policy might not cover issues that protect graduate students, such as intellectual property concerns and student over-commitment to start-ups.

The first Academic Council meeting featured considerable discussion about BOARS' consideration of changing from "9X9" to "7X7" for admissions. A proposal was brought forward for dissemination, but Council members had various issues with its interpretation. BOARS was asked to reconfigure it for additional review.

## **II. Consent Calendar**

### **A. Approval of the Agenda**

**Action Taken:** *The agenda was approved as noticed.*

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

Interim Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies Bill Tucker stated that the President is studying the reporting and organizational structure of OP; part of that discussion is the relationship between graduate studies and research. The Provost made the argument that graduate studies is more than doctoral studies; it includes professional programs and is an important part of UC. The University needs to ensure that people who are coming into its doctoral programs are given a sense of where they could find employment outside of academe, such as in technology, social media, and entrepreneurship. Mr. Tucker said that there is an enormous demand from the graduate student level for exposure to these areas and training – both formal and informal. He stated that UC needs to consider messaging that will help adapt its culture so that students can ask about these career paths and explore entrepreneurial opportunities. In response to a question from Academic Chair Gilly, Mr. Tucker said that his office is also looking out for the interests of the doctoral students and protecting them from external pressures.

Graduate Studies Director Pamela Jennings told the committee that the results of the Doctoral Alumni Survey will be released next week, and that it contains no surprises.

Todd Greenspan, Director of Academic Planning, said that his office is looking at how to consolidate cross-campus data through institutional research. It is also trying to develop a new long-range enrollment plan that is linked to rebenching. A significant topic of discussion within OP is about California students in relation to the Master Plan for Higher Education, possible tuition increases, enrollment growth, and the workforce needs of the California economy.

Mr. Greenspan explained that President Napolitano has asked for a new memo for every approved graduate program, so it takes a little longer to get approvals through the process. In response to a question from the Vice Chair, he stated that his office is developing plans for tracing the positive and negative aspects of SSPs.

## **IV. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership**

Academic Council Chair Mary Gilly thanked the committee members for their service. She invited members to participate in a Google Hang Out with the President on October 14. The Council Chair noted that the conversations are archived for those who are not able to watch them live. She then updated the committee on issues from the previous Academic Council meeting.

The Council Chair told the committee that the President has agreed to monthly meetings with the Council. She discussed the President's Strategic Organizational Review of OP (SOROP) and the concern regarding where graduate studies will "land." Chair Heckhausen asked if it would be helpful for CCGA to voice an opinion as to the importance of having graduate studies represented in the UCOP leadership. A discussion ensued about what CCGA should advocate

for. Members agreed that advocating for specific administrative solutions (e.g., having graduate studies stay with Office of Research) were beyond CCGA's purview and could be perceived as overreach. Members agreed that CCGA's memo should emphasize the importance of graduate studies having a salient leadership position<sup>[JH1]</sup> in UCOP.

Chair Heckhausen and Vice Chair Leppert will work to draft a letter on the topic.

Professor Gilly mentioned the President's Task Force on Sexual Violence and the implications that its findings will have on the campuses and on possible sensitivity training. She also mentioned UC Venture, a fund by which the CIO will be investing \$250M (maximum) in UC faculty start-ups. This new structure has raised a number of questions from the Regents and the faculty.

## V. Proposed Graduate Degrees and Programs for Review

- A. 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) – *Lead Reviewer Carol Burke (UCI)*  
(*To be included:* Proposal for a Degree/Title Change from JDP in Applied Social Science with an Emphasis on Substance Use to JDP in Interdisciplinary Research on Substance Use at UC San Diego)  
***Action Taken:*** *Lead reviewer Burke could not be at this meeting and therefore it was decided to postpone the discussion of this item until the next agenda.*
- B. Proposal for an M.A. and Ph.D. in Integrated Composition, Improvisation, and Technology at UC Irvine – *Lead Reviewer Shauna Somerville (UCB)*  
***Action Taken:*** *Due to Professor Somerville's illness, the final lead reviewer's report and letter will be reviewed by members online and – if possible – voted upon electronically before the next meeting.*
- C. Proposal for an M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology at UC Merced – *Lead Reviewer John Kim (UCR)*  
***Action Taken:*** *John Kim was held up in air travel from Seoul, and thus his item was postponed until the next agenda.*
- D. Proposal for an M.S. in Scientific Computing and Applied Mathematics at UC Santa Cruz – *Lead Reviewer John Bolander (UCD)*  
***Action Taken:*** This item was postponed until the next agenda.
- E. Proposal for a Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Science at UCSF – *Lead Reviewer Valerie Leppert*  
***Action Taken:*** The *Committee took a conditional vote pending the positive results of Professor Leppert's review and the remaining UC review. If possible, it will be voted upon electronically before the next meeting.*
- F. Proposal for an M.S. and Ph.D. in Mathematical, Computational, and Systems Biology at UC Irvine  
***Action Taken:*** *Shauna Somerville was assigned as Lead Reviewer.*
- G. Proposal for Ph.D. in Education at UC San Diego  
***Action Taken:*** *Tania Israel was assigned as Lead Reviewer.*
- H. Proposal for a Master of Public Policy (MPP) in the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IRPS) at UC San Diego  
***Action Taken:*** *Ken Kletzer was assigned as Lead Reviewer.*

- I. Proposal for a Degree/Title Change from JDP in Applied Social Science with an Emphasis on Substance Use to JDP in Interdisciplinary Research on Substance Use at UC San Diego  
**Action Taken:** *This proposal was folded into Item V. A., above.*

- J. Discussion of Reissuance of Letter of Approval for the UCM Graduate Group Leading to the Ph.D. Degree in Psychological Sciences  
*In 2011, CCGA approved a proposal from UCM for a Graduate Group Leading to the Ph.D. Degree in Psychological Sciences. This proposal included an en route Master's Degree. However, the approval letters from CCGA and from the Provost could be interpreted to approve only the Ph.D. and not the Master's Degree. UCM is asking for a new letter clarifying that the approval is both for the Ph.D. and the Master's.*

**Action Taken:** *The committee voted 8-0-2 to issue a new letter to clarify the scope of the approval.*

## **VI. Transfers, Consolidations, Disestablishments, and Discontinuances**

- A. Proposal for a Reconstitution to Establish the Herb Alpert School of Music and to Redefine the School of Arts and Architecture at UC Los Angeles

**Action Taken:** *The committee voted for UCLA to proceed with the development of a proposal for a reconstitution and redefinement.*

- B. Proposal for Endorsement of Three Appendix V Actions for the Department of Applied Linguistics at UC Los Angeles

**Action Taken:** *The committee voted 9-0-1 in favor of the proposed endorsement. However, CCGA will note that it should have been involved much earlier in the process and that the loss of African Language should perhaps be redressed by a different department on another UC-campus, maybe including some involvement of online instruction.*

- C. Proposal for a Name Change from the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) to School of Global Policy and Strategy at UC San Diego

**Action Taken:** *The committee voted 9-0-1 to approve the proposed name change.*

- D. Proposal for a Name Change from Master of Pacific International Affairs (MPIA) to Master of International Affairs (MIA) at UC San Diego

**Action Taken:** *The committee voted 9-0-1 to approve the proposed name change.*

- E. Proposal for a Name Change from the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Graduate Program to Biochemistry, Molecular, and Structural Biology at UC Los Angeles

**Action Taken:** *The committee voted 9-0-1 to approve the proposed name change with special attention paid to the punctuation of the new name.*

## **VII. Discussion of Issues at the Divisional Graduate Councils**

Members reported upcoming developments and issues of concern from their campuses.

## **VIII. New Business**

The Committee Analyst will establish a uniform name/date protocol for proposals on the SharePoint site and will ensure that documents can be highlighted or annotated by members for their own use.

**IX. Executive Session**

None

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Attest: Jutta Heckhausen, CCGA Chair  
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