Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA)
Annual Report 2012-13

TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:

Per Senate bylaw 180, the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) advises the the President of the University and all agencies of the Senate on all matters regarding the promotion of research and learning related to graduate education. One of CCGA's chief responsibilities, as delegated by the Regents, is the authority to review and approve all campus proposals for new graduate programs and schools that require approval of the President. In addition, CCGA establishes basic policies and procedures for coordinating the work of the various Graduate Councils and Divisions; recommends to the Assembly minimum standards of admission for graduate students; reviews standards and policies applied by Graduate Councils, and policies concerning relations with educational and research agencies; and approves UC graduate courses as system-wide courses to be listed in Divisional catalogues.

Review of Proposed Graduate Degree Programs

During the 2012-13 Academic year, 15 proposals were submitted to CCGA for review; of these, 11 were approved, 0 were rejected, and 4 were left to carry over into the next academic year:

Campus	School/Program Proposed	Lead Reviewer	Disposition Date	Disposition Status
UCB	M.Eng. in Bioengineering	M. Vanderwood	12/5/2012	Approved
UCB	Master of Information and Data Science (MIDS)	D. Agrawal	6/5/2013	Approved
UCD	M.S. in Pharmaceutical Chemistry	Y. Seo	2/6/2013	Approved
UCI	Ph.D. in Public Health	D. Mastronarde	5/1/2013	Approved
UCI	Ph.D. in Informatics	V. Leppert and D. Agrawal		Under Review
UCM	M.S./Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics	Y. Seo		Under Review
UCM	M.A./Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Graduate Group in the Humanities	B. Schumm		Under Review
UCM	M.A./Ph.D. in Political Science	K. Ng	5/1/2013	Approved
UCR	Ph.D. in Art History	J. Nagy	2/6/2013	Approved
UCR	Self-Supporting Master of Finance	D. Mastronarde	2/6/2013	Approved
UCSB	Interdepartmental M.A./Ph.D. in Dynamical Neuroscience	A. Chisholm	12/5/2012	Approved
UCSB	M.S. and Combined Five-Year B.S./M.S. in Actuarial Science	D. Mastronarde	10/10/2012	Approved
UCSB	Master of Technology	J. Heckhausen	4/3/2013	Approved
UCSC	M.S. in Games & Playable Media	M. Olsson	4/3/2013	Approved
UCSF	M.S. in Healthcare Administration & Interprofessional Leadership	B. Schumm	2/6/2013	Approved

Review of Proposals for Changes and other Programmatic Matters
During the 2012-13 year, CCGA approved nine requests for name changes, reconstitutions, transfers, conditions, disestablishments, discontinuances (TCDDs).[1]

Campus	Program Name	Change	Disposition Date
UCD	Genetics Graduate Group	Integrative Genetics and Genomics Graduate Group	August 2013
UCI	Pharmacy and Toxicology	Pharmacological Sciences	January 2013
UCM	Social and Cognitive Science IIGP Emphasis	Social Sciences IIGP Emphasis	January 2013
UCI	Environmental Technology	Environmental Health Science	April 2013
UCM	Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics IIGP Emphasis	Mechanical Engineering IIGP Emphasis	April 2013
UCM	Physics and Chemistry IIGP Emphasis	Physics IIGP Emphasis	April 2013
UCSB	Geological Sciences	Earth Science	April 2013
UCSB	MS in Geophysics	Discontinued	April 2013
UCSB	Speech and Hearing Programs	Discontinued	August 2013
UCLA	Executive MBA in Cooperation with the National University of Singapore Executive MBA in Cooperation with the Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez	Global Executive MBA for Asia Pacific Program Global Executive MBA for the Americas Program	June 2013
UCM	IIGP Umbrella Renewal	N/A	June 2013

Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) and Self-Supporting Programs (SSPs)
The Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) Task Force met regularly over the year; one of its primary concerns has been ensuring that total professional degree fee charges do not exceed those in comparable institutions. Financial aid and affordability components of the policy still pose many questions, the most pressing of which concerns whether to include a specific percentage of return-to-aid in the policy.

Similarly, discussions surrounding self-supporting programs (SSPs) or self-supporting graduate degree programs (SSGDPs) continue to progress, but have yet to be resolved. Committee members expressed dismay at the high percentage of revenue surrendered to private partners in some SSP contracts. The committee also voiced concern that the original CCGA guidelines – which required that every SSP be reviewed by UCPB – have been completely and repeatedly disregarded.

UCLA Anderson School of Business
In 2011-12, the UCLA Anderson Graduate School of Management (AGSM) requested permission to convert its full-time, state-supported MBA program to self-supporting status. After careful review of the proposal, CCGA concluded that the program did not conform to the intent of the self-supporting policy, due in part to ambiguity within that policy. This concern – coupled with the committee's substantive reservations regarding the lack of meaningful and complete review by the divisional Senate – prompted CCGA to suspend its final review until an explicit policy regarding such conversions could be developed. Despite considerable effort by the Provost, the

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[1] TCDD actions are defined as:
  1) Transfer – Moving a program or unit into another one that subsumes it;
  2) Consolidation – Combining two or more programs or units to form a new unified program or unit;
  3) Disestablishment – Eliminating an academic unit or research unit; and
  4) Discontinuance – Eliminating an academic program.

Academic Council, the CCGA Chair, and others, a policy for SSPs was not completed during the 2012-13 year. However, President Yudof approved the Anderson School conversion as submitted in a June 24 letter to the University.

Status of 2012-13 State Legislation Relevant to CCGA

Bill	Author	Title	Language	Position
SB 195	Liu	California Postsecondary Education: State Goals. (Accountability)	Amended (5/24); passed out of the Senate	Watch
SB 259	Hancock	Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act: Employees (Graduate Student Researchers' Employment)	Introduced; held in suspense in the appropriations committee.	Opposed
SB 520	Steinberg	Student Instruction: California Online Student Incentive Grant Programs. (Online Courses)	Two-Year Bill.	Opposed
SB 547	Block	Public Postsecondary Education: Online Courses. (Online Courses)	Amended (5/01); held in suspense in the appropriations committee	Watch

Issues of Note Within UC

In Absentia Policy
Since 2009, the Office of the President's policy is that leaves of absence for graduate students can no longer to be granted for academic reasons. The *in absentia* policy, which remains in place, is valid only for activities outside of California.   Changes to the in-state/out-of-state requirements for the *in absentia* policy have been suggested, with the University deans largely in favor of such a change.

Proposed Trial of the Negotiated Salary Plan
At its November meeting, CCGA discussed implementation of the Negotiated Salary Plan at UCLA, UCI, and UCSD. CCGA generally concurred with some (though not all) of the concerns that were raised by various agencies during the systemwide review of APM-668. The committee was disappointed with the report's lack of mitigation and monitoring for those concerns. CCGA members strongly recommended to the Senate that extensive data and metrics be tabulated during the Salary Plan's four-year trial period. Once that data is compiled, it should be independently reviewed.

Rebenching
Also at its November meeting, CCGA considered the Report of the Rebenching Budget Committee. Members supported the idea of developing a more transparent and equitable process for allocating funds to the campuses. However, they expressed concerns on several issues, which they shared with the Senate via a letter to Chair Robert Powell.

CCGA Handbook Revision
No revisions were made to the Handbook this year, however, items to be revised are being collected.

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