COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS (CCGA)
ANNUAL REPORT 2010-11

TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:

The Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs met eight times during the 2010-11 academic year.

Reviews of Proposed Graduate Schools and Graduate Degree Programs
One of CCGA's primary responsibilities is to review all campus proposals for new graduate schools and graduate degree programs. A total of 29 proposals were submitted to CCGA for review throughout the academic year. Program proposals received by CCGA in the latter stages of 2010-11 will be carried over into the 2011-12 academic year. The following table summarizes CCGA's disposition of these proposals as of August 2011.

Campus	School/Program Proposed	Lead Reviewer	Disp. Date	Disposition
UCB	M.A./Ph.D. in Film and Media	S. Farmer	12/7/2010	Approved
UCM	Ph.D. in Cognitive and Information Sciences	M. Beattie	12/7/2010	Approved
UCI	J.D./Ph.D. in Law and Graduate Studies	D. Hale	2/1/2011	Approved
UCM	Ph.D. in Psychological Sciences	R. Goodhue	2/1/2011	Approved
UCD	Ph.D. in Quantitative and Systems Biology	M. Maduro	2/1/2011	Approved
UCSD	Master of Advanced Studies (M.A.S.) in Wireless Embedded Systems	R. Goodhue/ M. Maduro	3/1/2011	Approved
UCSD	Master of Advanced Studies (M.A.S.) in Medicine Device Engineering	R. Mulnard/ M. Beattie	3/1/2011	Approved
UCI	Ph.D. in Public Health	A. Buckpitt	3/1/2011	Declined to review at this time; proposal returned to campus.
UCSF	M.S. in Biomedical Imaging	R. Mulnard	3/1/2011	Approved
UCB	Joint Master's degree in Translational Medicine between UCSF and UCB	J. Carmody	4/5/2011	Declined to review at this time; proposal returned to campus.
UCSD	Master of Advanced Studies (M.A.S.) in Structural Health Monitoring	A. Buckpitt/ S. Farmer	4/5/2011	Approved
UCI	M.S./Ph.D. in Software Engineering	S. Farmer	4/5/2011	Approved
UCI	M.S. in Biomedical and Translational Science	M. Maduro	4/5/2011	Approved
UCI	Ph.D. in Epidemiology	K. Gylys	4/5/2011	Approved
UCLA	Executive M.B.A. in cooperation with the Universidad Adolfo Ibañez in Santiago, Chile	R. Goodhue	5/3/2011	Approved

UCI	M.S. in Biological Sciences and Educational Media Design	S. Carter	5/3/2011	Approved
UCD	M.A./Ph.D. in the Study of Religion	C. Kello	5/3/2011	Approved
UCSD	Master of Advanced Studies (M.A.S.) in Simulation-Based Engineering	C. Kello/ S. Carter	6/7/2011	Approved
UCSF	Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate	A. Buckpitt	8/30/2011	Approved
UCB	Master of Development Practice	R. Goodhue	8/30/2011	Approved
UCB	Online Professional Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)	R. Mulnard	–	Under review
UCI	M.S. in Biotechnology Management	R. Goodhue	–	Under review
UCI	M.S. in Engineering Management	M. Vanderwood	–	Under review
UCD	Master of Professional Accountancy (M.P.Ac.)	D. Arovas	–	Under review
UCD	M.S./Ph.D. in Energy	D. Arovas	–	Under review
UCI	Ph.D. in Nursing Science	K. Gylys	–	Under review
UCR	M.S. in Computer Engineering (Proposal received by CCGA 7/22/2011)	TBD	–	Deferred to first meeting of 2011-12 (10/4/2011)
UCR	Online M.S. in Engineering (Proposal received by CCGA 7/22/2011)	TBD	–	Deferred to first meeting of 2011-12 (10/4/2011)
UCR	M.A. in Accounting, Auditing and Assurance (Proposal received by CCGA 7/22/2011)	TBD	–	Deferred to first meeting of 2011-12 (10/4/2011)

CCGA worked on a number of key initiatives and issues related to graduate education over the course of the 2010-11 academic year, including:

Faculty Consultation on the Establishment of New Professional Degree Fees (PDFs)
CCGA discussed the issue of faculty consultation on the establishment of new professional degree fees. Among the Committee's chief concerns is the potential for the expanded use of supplemental "professional" fee to further privatize the University in advance of appropriate Senate deliberation. Members felt very strongly that the Senate and the local Graduate Councils need to be involved in a substantive way in the campus' initial deliberative process of deciding on these new fees. In the end, CCGA recommended Council inform the Provost that effective immediately, CCGA has decided to invoke its delegated authority to require review of graduate programs not previously designated as professional programs before they may charge professional tuition; request that "first-time" professional degree fee proposals from UC Davis and UCLA be pulled from the list submitted by UCOP; and request that all proposals for new professional degree fees be submitted to local Graduate Councils and CCGA for comment.

Guidelines for Senate Review of New Self-supporting Graduate Degree Programs
Given the state of California's financial difficulties and the University's resulting financial constraints, CCGA anticipates a significant increase in the volume of new self-supporting degree programs being proposed for the indefinite future. The projected increase, along with the absence of specific guidance in the Compendium regarding review of self-supporting programs and the lack of a formal policy on such approvals, underscored the need for instructive language about the different stages of the Senate review process of new SSP proposals and culminated in the issuance of policy guidelines that describes the review process that will be followed by Divisional Graduate Councils in the course of determining whether to approve a self-supporting degree program. The CCGA guidelines, with the Council's approval, direct campus Graduate Councils to consider particular issues in the exercise of their review and state that new self-supporting degree programs will not be approved in the absence of answers to the questions posed by Divisional Graduate Councils.

Review of New Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition Proposals
Numerous prior discussions by CCGA on the review of new Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) proposals resulted in the adoption of revised guidelines stipulating that new PDST proposals shall be submitted to Divisional Graduate Councils for comment. In the case that such proposals have not also been submitted for comment to Divisional Planning & Budget Committees, Graduate Councils shall request comments directly from Divisional Planning & Budget Committees. Campus entities seeking Regental approval for new PDSTs should inform Graduate Council of their intentions as early as possible. The current process for requesting approval of new PDSTs includes requirements that concerned faculty and students be consulted. Satisfactory proof of adequate consultation of all concerned parties must be provided to Graduate Councils. Graduate Councils should take whatever steps they consider necessary to verify that the required consultations have taken place. In addition to assessing the impact of the proposed PDST on the academic quality of the program, Graduate Councils shall consider the potentially adverse impact of the proposed fee on the diversity of the applicant pool as well as the economic realities of the job markets that graduates of the degree program in question are expected to enter.

Conversion of Existing Graduate Degree Programs from State-supported to Self-supported Status or from Self-supported to State-supported Status
After careful deliberation, CCGA determined that the conversion of an existing graduate degree program from state-supported to self-supported status or from self-supported to state-supported status cannot be considered under the name change provisions in the Compendium and that such a conversion far exceeds those provisions. The Committee fleshed out policy language addressing the conversion of existing graduate degree programs from state-supported to self-supported status and from self-supported to state-supported status. The policy, which was later on adopted by Council, specifies that existing state-supported graduate degree programs may request their own disestablishment as state-supported degree programs in accordance with policy. Concurrently, faculty involved in the research, teaching, and administration activities of such existing state-supported graduate degree programs may present a proposal for the creation of a new self-supported program. The reference in the policy to disestablishment and establishment is necessary because of the absence of a procedure in the existing Compendium.

Review of On-line Graduate Degree Programs
CCGA discussed information gleaned from the campuses on the various issues associated with on-line graduate degree programs including teaching load questions; new modalities for existing programs; review of on-line iteration of an existing program; and others. Initially, the Committee set-out to craft a set of guidelines for the review of on-line graduate degree programs. Members eventually reached the conclusion that CCGA should apply the same review guidelines that it uses to review any other new degree program proposals and that for now, the Committee put off working on review guidelines.

Systemwide Reviews

Post-Employment Benefits. CCGA carefully considered the two proposed sets of changes in post-employment benefits recommended by the President's Task Force on Post-Employment Benefits. Members broadly discussed the impact of these changes on the quality of graduate education at the University of California. In particular, members expressed grave concern that these proposed changes pose a serious threat to the University's ability to remain a leader in graduate education; sustain competitive re-numeration for UC faculty; and retain and attract faculty, staff and graduate students. The Committee endorsed the general provisions of the resolution put forth by the University Committee on Faculty Welfare (UCFW), that expressly stated a strong preference for "Option C"; opposition to requiring an employee contribution in excess of 7% for those who choose to remain under the current plan terms if current employees are offered the choice under the current UCRP plan terms for their future service; and support for the creation of a credible plan to raise faculty and staff salaries to competitive levels over the next three years, before the implementation of the new tier.

Renaming Fees as Tuition. CCGA considered the Administration's proposal to rename the education and professional degree fees as "tuition." Members agreed with the Academic Council's view that doing so is a good idea, in principle. The Committee did however express a number of concerns and made several key suggestions. First of all, the proposed new name for professional fees broadens the reach of those fees and removes an explicit reference to "professional schools" and substitutes a vague reference to "professional programs" potentially raising concerns that programs that have been approved as "non-professional" and that have functioned for some time as "non-professional" programs may be re-designated "professional" in order to justify the imposition of the proposed "Professional Supplemental Tuition". Secondly, the term "supplemental" is problematic and suggests that the proposal does not apply to self-supporting programs. In actuality, a professional self-supporting program is not really charging supplemental tuition; it is charging tuition to cover expenses. And lastly, the proposed new term for professional fees has alerted CCGA to the extent to which the term "professional" is itself troublesome in its vagueness.

Council Recommendation and UCLA Statement on the Future of the University. In considering the Council recommendation and UCLA statement on the future of the University. CCGA discussed how to analyze the impacts of downsizing the faculty; decreasing ladder-rank faculty vs. increase in "teaching" faculty and the effect on the vigor and viability of graduate programs; and increasing the ratio of undergraduate to graduate students and resultant demand for more GSIs.

1996 Policy on Self-Supporting Part-Time Graduate Professional Degree Programs and its Implementation Guidelines. CCGA had extensive discussions of the policy on Self-Supporting Graduate Programs (SSP) over a series of meetings during the 2008-09 and 2009-10 academic years. The Academic Planning Council considered a new draft of the SSP policy at its July 2010 meeting. That draft incorporated one of CCGA's most important recommendations – that Ph.D. programs not be constituted as SSPs. CCGA strongly recommended and urged that Ph.D. programs explicitly be excluded from the current and future SSP policies. CCGA considered the current draft of the SSP policy at its October, November, and December meetings, culminating in an extensive and well thought-out assemblage of concerns and recommendations which were forwarded to Council.

Funding Streams Proposal. CCGA discussed the proposal to change the University's policies and practices related to the distribution of funds across the system. The Committee expressed overall support for the proposal and applauded the transparent nature in which it was prepared. A few cautionary notes were voiced by CCGA members about the opacity and fluidity connected with implementing the new principles and recommendations going forward. Members expressed unease with the wording of the recommendation on graduate financial aid and concern with the uncertainty of "revenue neutrality" into the future that is central to the new model. CCGA felt that the proposal should include a strong statement warning against the further erosion of support for graduate fellowships; as a matter of policy, campuses should be directed to do everything in their power to maintain competitive levels of graduate student support.

UC Merced's Interim Individual Graduate Program Authority
CCGA has reviewed on an annual basis UC Merced's Interim Individual Graduate Program (IGP) Authority and approved the continued use of the IGP through the 2011-12 academic year.

Reviews of Name Changes, Discontinuances, Consolidations, and Other Programmatic Matters
As shown below, CCGA considered multiple requests for name changes, consolidations, reconstitutions, discontinuances, of degree titles, programs, departments, graduate groups, or schools.

Campus	School/Program/Group	New Name/Group	Requested Action	Disposition
UCLA	M.A. in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)	–	Discontinuance	Approved
UCLA	Discontinuance of the M.A. in Biology	Establishment of the M.S. in Biology (Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology)	Disestablishment and Establishment	Approved

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