

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

ACADEMIC SENATE

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES – JULY 2, 2014

**I. Consent Calendar**

*Chair Donald Mastronarde*

- A. Approval of the Agenda
- B. Approval of the Minutes of June 4, 2014

**Action Taken:** *The agenda and minutes were approved as noticed.*

**II. Proposed Graduate Degrees and Programs for Review**

- A. Proposal for an M.A. in Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics at UC Irvine –  
*Lead reviewer John Kim (UCR)*  
This proposal is in need of further review, but may be ready for a recommendation to be voted on by email before CCGA membership changes September 1.
- B. 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)*  
This proposal is in need of further review.
- C. Proposal for a M.A. and Ph.D. in Integrated Composition, Improvisation, and Technology at UC Irvine – *Lead reviewer Shauna Somerville (UCB)*  
This proposal is in need of further review, but may be ready for a recommendation to be voted on by email before CCGA membership changes September 1.
- D. Proposal for a Master of Science Degree in Health Policy and Law (HPL) at UCSF –  
*Lead reviewer Kwai Ng (UCSD)*  
Members discussed the appropriateness of the MS degree in light of the MS HAIL decision made last year. Concern was expressed regarding the reinforcement of what might be a poorly-justified precedent. Members were very ambivalent about their vote, and substitute members felt that they did not have a sufficient grasp of the issues involved. The Chair stated that he would be sending a letter to the campus explaining that the committee may not have approved the proposal if it had been brought forward earlier in the year when it could have been voted on by all the regular members.  
**Action Taken:** *This proposal was approved with three abstentions.*
- E. Proposal for a M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology at UC Merced – *Lead reviewer John Kim (UCR)*  
This proposal is in need of further review.
- F. Proposal for a M.S. in Scientific Computing and Applied Mathematics at UC Santa Cruz –  
*Lead reviewer John Bolander (UCD)*  
This proposal is in need of further review.
- G. Proposal for a Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Science from UCSF  
**Action Taken:** *Valerie Leppert (UCM) will serve as lead reviewer on this proposal*

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

*Vice Provost Susan Carlson and Director Amy K. Lee*

- ASE Contract

Vice Provost Carlson and Director Lee discussed the ASE contract, some of which had been

recently ratified. They explained that a primary concern of the students was finding a way to give undocumented students an experience equivalent to other TAs. The administration and students agreed to a compromise by which an Instructional Opportunities Committee would be formed and meet every other month to try to develop ways to provide opportunities for non-doc-eligible students. This committee will also examine ways to develop a funding mechanism for those students. The students expressed profound concern that the administration will not follow through on the goals of the committee.

Director Lee commented that the Committee will be meeting over the summer and is hoping to bring in subject-matter experts to explain to the students what can and cannot be done within the confines of the law. A CCGA Member suggested that it might be possible to set up a graduate pedagogy internship that could take place over the course of the year or over the summer. Such an internship could not be something generic; it would have to be developed within a department.

The Vice Provost and Director stated that they might come back in the fall to discuss the project further with the committee.

#### **IV. Policies and Issues**

##### **A. UCLA Slavic Languages: Name Change**

Chair Mastronarde noted that UCLA has been considering this simple name change for some time. After discussion with the committee, he noted that he would report back to the campus that CCGA had no contributions or questions, and that the campus decision could be considered final.

##### **B. SSGPDP Draft of CCGA comments**

***Action Taken:*** *The changes to the draft were unanimously approved. No additional changes were made, and the comments will be submitted to Academic Council.*

##### **C. Updates from Chair Mastronarde**

Chair Mastronarde reminded the committee that it had created the “humanities one-pager” in response to queries from some OP officials regarding value of continued investment/research in the humanities. When that paper was taken to Council for review, a number of qualms were expressed by members; the paper was returned to CCGA for possible discussion and action during the 2014-15 year.

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

Chair Mastronarde stated that UCLA had forwarded a pre-proposal for a new school and for the reconstitution of a school. He explained that when a new school is established at UC, it undergoes a two-stage process. The first stage is a pre-proposal which is presented on the campus for academic senate review at least one year before full proposal is submitted. After campus review, the proposal is sent systemwide, and the comments collected are then used in the full proposal. UCLA’s pre-proposal is for a school that contains architecture, art, design, music, and a broad spectrum of arts programs. Approximately seven years ago, the campus received a large donation from the Herb Alpert Foundation to support musical arts of various types. A condition of the gift was that UCLA would establish a named Herb Alpert School of the Arts as a virtual school – it was not a new school officially approved through the Regents, but was a collection of academic units that were given this overarching title. In the reviews of these departments over the years, the question of the virtual school being transformed into a “real” school has been repeatedly raised. Consequently, UCLA has decided to create a Herb Alpert School of Music with three departments under it; this change would involve a slight reconstitution of the existing school and would involve the input of CCGA, UCEP, and UCPB.

Chair Mastronarde explained that he would turn over this proposal to incoming Chair Heckhausen to discuss at the October meeting with a goal of having comments to the Academic Council by November and to UCLA by December 1. He observed that it should not be a very controversial review.

The Chair commented on the recent APC discussion of policies and guidelines regarding degree titles. He stated that CCGA will need to communicate with the campuses during the review process but that he would like to keep the communication as informal as possible. Interested parties should be copied throughout the process, particularly graduate council analysts. He noted that he would remind incoming Chair Heckhausen to copy certain people on some communications and to consider if something needs to be re-approved by the local graduate council.

The budget was passed and signed by the governor; it turned out to be very disappointing for the University. The President has learned that she cannot rely on the state to give more money and is working to develop a tuition proposal. At this time, she is unwilling to take more in-state enrollment without additional funding.

The APC approved the recent changes to the Compendium except for those surrounding multi-campus research projects, which still are the subject of much debate. ORGS is going to be reorganized before the search for a new director begins. Research and innovation may become one portfolio; it is not clear where the graduate studies part of the portfolio will end up.

Some Senate members have at last been appointed to the Sexual Assault Task Force.

#### **VI. New Business/Next Year**

Chair Mastronarde encouraged members to communicate by email about the outstanding proposals and vote on them - if possible - over the summer.

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Attest: Donald Mastronarde, CCGA Chair  
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