

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

ACADEMIC SENATE

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 4, 2014

Present: Donald Mastronarde (Chair, UCB), Jutta Heckhausen (Vice Chair, UCI), , Carol Burke (UCI), John Bolander (UCD), Valerie Leppert (UCM), Shauna Somerville (UCB), John Kim (UCR), Maite Zubiaurre (UCLA), E. Bruce Robertson (UCSB), Bruce Schumm (UCSC), Youngho Seo (UCSF), Kwai Ng (UCSD), Hilary Baxter, Pamela Jennings, Mary Gilly (Council Vice Chair), William Jacob (Council Chair), Todd Giedt, and Fredye Harms (Analyst)

I. Chair's Report/Announcements

Chair Donald Mastronarde mentioned that the Regents had just met and had discussed a number of topics, including the governor's budget, the Transfer Action Team, and the Investments Committee. Looming problems with the medical centers were brought forward as well as "the meaning of a degree." The two chancellor searches are proceeding. The names of one new chancellor may be announced at the July Regents meeting, and the other search should lead to an announcement in September.

Academic Chair Jacob reported that the main debates regarding the CBR are finished. The Senate got the two most important things it wanted. In a similar vein, the total remuneration study is slightly delayed because of methodology issues.

President Napolitano reported that she had gone to Mexico City and met with the presidents of seven Mexican universities. She is looking for a faculty member to work with her for six months on the UC-Mexico initiative.

Negotiations with the UAW have been difficult; however they did result in a 17 percent salary increase over four years. The Academic Senate was developing a letter to suggest borrowing money to invest in the retirement fund. Executive Vice President Brostrom has come around to proposing a similar proposal, and the Senate will be endorsing it.

Provost Dorr stated that there will be new PDST proposals, probably before January. Chair Mastronarde expressed skepticism about the likelihood of any changes or resolution regarding the NRST in the near future.

The May revise did not change UC or CSUs budget, but greater funding likely is to go to K-12 and the community colleges. One issue the governor put forward was \$50M in innovation grants to all three systems but the proposal was very unclear and ill-conceived. In any case, the funding is coming to the University later than needed. UC will be making presentations with the governor and legislature to show how increased mandatory costs affect the budget over the next few years.

ACSCANR is searching for its mission and has a turnover rate that is not conducive to progress or continuity. ANR Vice President Allen-Diaz is no longer reporting to the Provost but is instead reporting directly to the President.

II. Consent Calendar

Action taken: The minutes were approved as noticed. The agenda was approved with the condition that its order might be shifted to accommodate speaker availability.

III. SSGPDP Revision

The committee discussed various aspects of the revision with concern expressed about program criteria, consistency, titles, monetary motivation, and accessibility/affordability. One member suggested that CCGA compile an annual report on the status of SSGDPs; another suggested that internal criteria for SSGDPs be established and incorporated into the CCGA Handbook. There was a question as to whether the revision would apply retroactively to programs or would only be effective going forward. Chair Mastronarde remarked that it is not clear if the previously existing programs are grandfathered in, and that the issue needed some clarification

The Chair asked any members who had comments on the revision or ideas about internal guidance to contact him and agreed to share a written draft in the next week.

IV. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership

Academic Council Chair Jacob was applauded by the committee for the CBR resolution.

Chair Jacob discussed his recent visit to the UCSB campus in the wake of the May student shootings. He remarked that the tragedy has been very difficult, but that all aspects of the campus community have strongly pulled together to support each other.

He moved on to discuss the recent Regent's meeting. Regents Reiss and Pattiz will be sitting on a committee to discuss divestment from fossil fuels. Senior Vice President Stobo presented a potential grim scenario for the medical centers if they are not properly funded and managed. UC Care continues to be a source of confusion and frustration; the open enrollment period may provide some clarification. The money apportioned by the governor for online learning has been spent, and the Provost intends to continue reaching into online education in the years ahead. Chair Jacob said that there was some apprehension at the campuses about moving forward with further investment without suitable evaluation.

Council Vice Chair Gilly explained that she and Provost Dorr will make a presentation to the Regents in January regarding graduate student support issues, especially NRST. They have compiled some preliminary data on the impact if NRST were to be eliminated after the first year, and it is smaller than most people had anticipated. Furthermore, OGC does not see a legal problem with the change.

V. Proposed Graduate Degrees and Programs for Review

- A. Proposal from the UCLA Department of Economics to establish a Master of Applied Economics
Action Taken: *This proposal was unanimously approved with one abstention.*
- B. Proposal for an M.A. in Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics at UC Irvine
This proposal is in need of further review; it will be revisited 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) This proposal is being revised in response to CSU review and a different name is now being considered. Carol Burke reported that reviewers are identified, but that she is awaiting the revised proposal.
- D. Proposal for a Program of Graduate studies in Physics for the M.S. and Ph.D. Degrees at UC Merced
Action Taken: *This proposal was unanimously approved with one abstention.*

- E. Proposal for a M.A. and Ph.D. in Integrated Composition, Improvisation, and Technology at UC Irvine
This proposal is in need of further review; it will be revisited in July.

- F. Proposal for a Master of Science Degree in Health Policy and Law (HPL) at UCSF
This proposal is in need of further review; it will be revisited in July.

- G. Proposal for a B.S and M.S. in Mechanical Engineering at UC Santa Barbara
Since both of these degrees already exist as approved programs, CCGA decided that this articulation of the undergraduate degree and master's degree does not require further review at CCGA.

Action Taken: *This proposal was unanimously approved with one abstention.*

- H. Proposal for a M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology at UC Merced

Action Taken: *John Kim (UCR) will serve as lead reviewer on this proposal*

- I. Proposal for an M.S. in Scientific Computing and Applied Mathematics at UCSC

Action Taken: *John Bolander (UCD) will serve as lead reviewer on this proposal*

- J. Proposal to transfer the existing Technology and Information Management (TIM) M.S. and Ph.D. programs to the recently created Department of Technology Management in the Baskin School of Engineering at UC Santa Cruz.

Neither the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) nor the Provost believes system level review is necessary; accordingly, the campus decision is final.

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

Director Pamela Jennings updated the committee on the progress of the Hispanic Serving Institutions/Tribal Colleges and Universities (HSI/TCU) initiative. Originally conceived by UCAAD, the initiative has the support of Regent Ruiz and has just completed review by the graduate deans. The program is patterned on UC's HBCU initiative that – while still very early in its implementation –has been quite successful. The committee agreed to lend its support to the implementation of the initiative.

Assistant Director Baxter shared a preliminary version of the Five-Year Planning Perspectives with the committee. She noted that the Senate will be receiving the formal transmittal of the Perspectives shortly along with some supplemental materials; they probably will be reviewed in the fall. There is some sense that there is relatively large percentage of programs that are not active on the books. Ms. Baxter encouraged the members to share the draft Perspectives with their graduate councils if they so choose. It is not clear to her at this juncture how the documents will be used.

VII. Policies and Issues

- A. Graduate Education in Arts and the Humanities

Following some final changes, the letter will be forwarded to Academic Chair Jacob by Chair Mastronarde on behalf of CCGA.

B. CCGA Handbook Revision

A few remaining issues were discussed and settled. Chair Mastronarde will revise the cover letter and will distribute the Handbook and Appendix to the campus graduate councils and graduate deans.

C. APC Working Group on Degree Titles

After continued exchange, the APC has agreed that CCGA has the authority to determine which degree titles are and are not acceptable. That said, the issue is still under discussion and may carry over into the fall.

D. UCI Academic Senate Initiative for New Master's Degrees

The committee discussed a letter from UCI conveying its commitment to support faculty as they develop SSGPDPs that generate revenues beyond standard student tuition and fees. The campus argued that dwindling state support has made it necessary to create programs that allow market pricing for UC coursework. In general, committee members expressed concern about the continued proliferation of SSGPDPs and their cultivation as a revenue source for the campuses.

E. UCR&J Consultation

Chair Mastronarde informed the committee that he had been told informally that UCR&J considered the two questions he sent them and found no problem with the proposed changes. He is awaiting the written response.

F. Completing Current Business: Summer Plans

Chair Mastronarde explained that CCGA does have a meeting scheduled for July and should convene via phone at that time to try to conclude as much business as possible from the 2013-14 year. He asked that the members who could not make the call arrange as quickly as possible to have a campus alternate serve in their stead.

G. Systemwide Review: Proposed Revised APM - 133-17-g-j; APM - 210-1-c & -d; APM - 220-18-b; and APM - 760-30-a

Members discussed a letter from the Vice Provost that proposed revisions to four sections of the APM. APM 210.1.d spent three years in negotiation between UCAP and UCAAD; the two committees finally came to a compromise that was endorsed by Council. However, 210.1.d was then packaged with other items under review and was held up. Chair Mastronarde said that many of the divisions are very upset about the timing, and that most other committees have already had their last meeting of the semester. Academic Chair Jacob is going to go to the Vice Provost to push the deadline for review out to accommodate the academic calendar. Until he has a response, Chair Mastronarde encouraged all members to read it and see if there are issues that need further attention. Please relay any concerns to him as soon as possible. DM and JB will read and be ready to write a response if the early deadline is not extended.

H. Legislative Update: AB 2350 and AB 1834

Senate Associate Director Giedt updated the committee on both bills. AB 2350 had no news to report; 1834 had passed out of the Appropriations Committee and is likely to be passed in the Assembly.

VIII. Discussion of Issues at the Divisional Graduate Councils

UC Merced representative Valerie Leppert presented the committee with an update on the status of Merced's IIGP programs. She explained to the committee that UCM would be presenting two

new programs in October and four in March. The committee thanked her for her information and remarked on the progress made by the campus.

IX. New Business

It was suggested that the Annual Report record how CCGA judges “compelling-ness” for proposals. UCOP should be encouraged to show the metrics for success, and they need to come back to CCGA, not just the campus. The Five-Year Perspective Information should also be reiterated.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Attest: Donald Mastronarde, CCGA Chair
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