

**COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS  
ANNUAL REPORT 2007-2008**

**TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:**

The Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) met a total of nine times during the 2007-2008 academic year (the July meeting was cancelled).

**Reviews of Proposed Graduate Schools and Degree Programs**

One of CCGA's primary responsibilities is to review all campus proposals for new graduate schools degree programs. A total of 21 proposals were submitted to CCGA for review throughout the academic year. The following table is a summary of actions on these proposals as of October 2008.

<b>Campus</b>	<b>School/Program Proposed</b>	<b>Lead Reviewer</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
UCR	M.A./Ph.D. Ethnic Studies	D. Brenneis	10/02/07	Approved
UCM	M.S./Ph.D. in Environmental Systems	F. Chehab	10/02/07	Approved
UCD	<i>School of Public Health</i>	I. Tager	11/06/07	Not approved
UCSC	Ph.D. in Film & Digital Media	S. Upadhyaya	12/04/07	Approved
UCSB	M.A./Ph.D. Feminist Studies	T. Miller	01/08/08	Approved
UCSC	Ph.D. in Visual Studies	M. Hanneman	02/05/08	Approved
UCSF	M.S. in Science & Technology	M. Farrens	–	Proposal put on hold by UCSF (03/08)
UCI	M.P.H. (Public Health)	F. Chehab	04/08/08	Approved
UCM	<i>School of Medicine</i>	B. Schumm	05/06/08	Approved
UCB	M.S in Global Health Sciences	I. Tager	05/06/08	Approved
UCI	M.S. in Nursing Science	J. Reiff	05/06/08	Approved
UCR	<i>School of Public Policy</i>	E. Watkins	05/06/08	Approved
UCI	M.P.P. (Public Policy)	G. Jacobson	06/03/08	Approved
UCLA	M.S./Ph.D. in Bioinformatics	A. Myers Kelley	06/03/08	Approved
UCSD	Ph.D. in Human Development	G. Mimura	06/03/08	Not approved
UCD	<i>School of Nursing</i>	B. Schumm	–	Under review
UCD	M.S. in Environmental Policy & Management	P. Springer	–	Approval pending receipt of additional information
UCB	M.P.Ac. (Public Accountancy)	G. Mimura	–	Under review
UCSD	Ph.D. in Management	K. Rose	–	Under review
UCR	M.A./Ph.D. in Management	Re-assigned to S. Carter (10/08)	–	Under review
UCSD	M.S. in Computational Science	Re-assigned to A. Knoesen (10/08)	–	Under review

CCGA worked on a number of initiatives and issues related to graduate education over the course of the 2007-2008 academic year, including:

### **Re-establishment of CCGA Authority over Reviews of First Professional Degree Proposals**

Academic Council approved CCGA's request to reinstate its plenary authority to approve new M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., Pharm.D., and J.D. degree programs. CCGA has concluded that its 1995 decision exempting these degree titles from Senate oversight, thereby allowing relevant professional schools to approve new programs with these degree titles, was not made with an appreciation of the distinction between the approval and oversight roles of the Senate. While CCGA concurs that ongoing oversight is best left to professional schools offering these five degree titles pursuant to Standing Order of the Regents 105.2(b), it is the experience of CCGA that two aspects of its review – the removal from internal pressures and influences within host campus, and the mandate to solicit expert reviews from outside the University – provide compelling motivation for conducting a review of proposed new degrees within the structure of the system-wide Senate. CCGA also noted that the satisfaction of accreditation requirements should not serve as a proxy for the rigorous review of new graduate programs performed by the Academic Senate.

### **Remote & Online Instruction and Residency**

CCGA members considered whether or not systemwide standards for distance and online learning should provide specific or more general guidelines about the structure of those types of courses or in some way limit them, and whether distance/online learning should count for residency. There was a consensus to not go forward with the re-writing the regulations yet, but to consider instead how to engage the University community on the issues. Chair Bruce Schumm drafted a white paper or discussion paper that frames the issues of remote and online instruction, which was sent to the divisional chairs and systemwide committees. Council approved this, and instructed the University-wide Committee on Committees to empanel a special committee to carry this out.

### **One-year Public Health Masters Degrees**

CCGA consulted with three leading public health faculty (one within and two outside of the University) regarding conditions under which it is appropriate to award Masters degrees in the general area of public health after a single year of enrollment. A report was generated based on the replies from the three faculty.

### **Proposed Fee Policy for Graduate Student In Absentia Registration**

CCGA recommended two changes (in addition to Academic Council's July 23 response): 1) the addition of a reference to the authority of the Senate in regards to the residency status of In Absentia students; and 2) alterations to the language of the nature of the relationship between the lead faculty and student that has contact not being minimal, but being "commensurate with the role of evaluating the student's progress on their research" or similar language. CCGA will continue to consult with Dean Jeff Gibeling (UC Davis) on revisions to the fee policy for Council consideration in the fall.

### **Role of Terminal Masters Programs in a Research University**

CCGA was asked to look into the role of terminal masters at UC, particularly in the way that such programs enhance and augment the mission of research universities. CCGA considered developing a statement on principles regarding Academic Masters Degrees in a Research Setting but ultimately decided there does not seem to be a compelling interest in moving towards academic masters programs en masse and suspended its investigation into this issue.

### **Request to Form a Joint Senate/Administrative Committee to Establish a Funding Model for Graduate Education**

Council endorsed a request from CCGA/UCPB on the formation of a joint Senate-Administrative committee to follow-up on the important work completed by the Graduate Student Support Advisory Committee (GSAC). The original GSAC committee, which was requested by the Academic Council in fall 2005 to explore the status and prospects for graduate student support as well as the mitigation of non-resident tuition (NRT), produced a report in June 2006 that set forth goals for graduate enrollment, and evaluated the expense of restoring the competitiveness of UC's graduate student support and eliminating NRT for Ph.D. students. The aim of such a committee would be the development of a concrete funding model, guided by the original GSAC study, which would advance the cause of graduate education at UC.

**Access to Differential-Fee and Self-Supporting Programs**

A subcommittee of CCGA members considered the issues associated with professional degree fee increases, including how these increases might contribute to increases in the stratification of campuses; the privatization of the University; and to decreased accessibility of these programs, especially for low-income students. In consultation with UCOP staff, the subcommittee identified uniform data elements to be collected annually from the campuses that would enhance the quality of future analyses conducted by UCOP on these issues.

**Graduate Academic Certificate (GAC) Programs**

CCGA was asked to review the state of graduate certificate programs and Senate involvement in the review of those programs, to determine whether more guidelines, uniformity and/or Senate involvement is needed. A CCGA subcommittee formed last year to discuss the issue and identify types of certificates that should be under the purview of the divisional senates, as well as a possible subset that should come to CCGA. The review resulted in the outlining of criteria for the subset of such certificates that fall under CCGA's purview and in process changes in the review of GACs.

**Review Process for a combined 5-Year B.Sc./M.Sc. degree in the College of Engineering at UCR**

In reviewing the UCR proposal, CCGA affirmed its role in reviewing proposals for joint Bachelors/Masters degrees in instances where the attached Masters is a new/non-existing graduate degree program.

**UC Merced's Interim Individual Graduate Program Authority**

CCGA has reviewed on an annual basis UC Merced's Individual Graduate Program (IGP) Authority; CCGA approved the continued use of the IGP, noting that it would be appropriate to extend this on a year-by-year basis beginning in the 2007-2008 academic year.

**Reviews of Simple Name Changes, Masters-level Degree Additions and Other Programmatic Matters**

As shown below, CCGA considered several requests for simple name changes of degree titles, programs, departments, graduate groups, or schools. In addition, CCGA also approved a UCSD request for a change in the composition of its Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) Degree Dissertation Committees, reducing membership from four to three in all of its dissertation committees.

<b>Campus</b>	<b>Group/Program</b>	<b>New Name/Group</b>	<b>Requested Action</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
UCB	M.A. in Greek	–	Discontinuance	Pending review by UCB Grad. Council
UCB	M.A. in Latin	–	Discontinuance	Pending review by UCB Grad. Council
UCLA	Health Economics IDP	–	Disestablishment	Approved
UCLA	Women's Studies Curriculum	Women's Studies IDP	Transfer	Approved

UCSB	Masters of Education/Pupil Personnel Services Credential	M.Ed. in School Psychology	Simple Name/ Emphasis Change	Approved
UCD	M.F.A. in Textile Arts and Costume Design	M.F.A. in Design	Name Change	Approved
UCSC	Statistics and Stochastic Modeling	Statistics and Applied Mathematics	Name Change	Pending

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