

**COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS (CCGA)  
Annual Report 2020-21**

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

Per Senate Bylaw 180, the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) advises the University President and all agencies of the Senate on matters regarding research and learning related to graduate education. One of CCGA's chief responsibilities, as delegated by the Regents, is the authority to review and evaluate 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 policies applied by graduate councils, reviews policies concerning relations with educational and research agencies, and approves UC graduate courses as system-wide courses to be listed in divisional catalogs.

**Review of Proposed Graduate Degree Programs**

During the 2020-21 academic year, CCGA approved 16 program proposals and declined two; one was pulled back by the campus for additional work. Five of the approved proposals were Self-Supporting Graduate Degree Programs (SSGPDPs), and one proposal had PDST (Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition). Six proposals are currently under review and will carry over to the 2021-22 year. All of these carryovers were received after May 1.

**Programs Decided Upon During the 2020-21 Year**

<b>Campus</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>SSGPDP</b>
UCB	Master of Analytics	2/23/21	4/7/21	Yes
UCD	MS in Genetic Counseling	12/1/20	7/7/21 (pulled back by UCD)	No
UCD	DNP/NFP	1/4/21	3/3/21	No
UCLA	Master of Quantum Sci. and Technology	12/1/20	3/3/21	Yes
UCLA	MS/PhD in Planetary Science	3/4/21	6/2/21	No
UCLA	Master of Applied Chemical Sciences	4/21/21	7/7/21	Yes
UCR	MS in Robotics	12/18/20	3/3/21	No
UCSB	Master of Education in School Psychology	11/25/20	4/7/21	No
UCSB	PhD in Biological Engineering	2/2/21	5/5/21	No
UCSD	MS in Health Informatics	5/29/20	5/5/21 (rejected)	Yes
UCSD	Online MS in Drug Development and Product Management	7/22/20	2/3/21 (rejected)	Yes
UCSD	MS in Computational Social Science	6/10/20	1/6/21	Yes
UCSD	MS in Data Science	2/4/21	6/2/21	No
UCSD	Online Master of Data Science	2/4/21	7/7/21	Yes
UCSD	PhD in Data Science	3/22/21	7/7/21	No

UCSD	PhD in Astronomy	5/7/21	6/2/21	No
UCSF	Certificate in Health Data Science	3/1/21	8/11/21	No
UCSF	MS in Health Data Science	3/1/21	8/11/21	Yes
UCSF	Certificate in Equity in Brain Health	5/5/21	8/25/21	No

The committee worked diligently with campuses and faculty throughout the year to help them craft and improve proposals that would meet the University's expectations of excellence.

### **Proposals Under Review to be Carried Over to 2021-22**

<b>Campus</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>SSGPDP</b>
UCB	COLLEGE: Computing, Data Science, and Society	7/13/21	Under Review	No
UCB	Master of Nutritional Sciences and Dietetics	7/20/21	Under Review	Yes
UCI	PhD in Film and Media Studies	7/29/21	Under Review	No
UCR	Microbiology BS/MS 4+1	6/9/21	Under Review	No
UCSD	Dual Degree MAS in International Affairs	5/12/21	Under Review	No
UCSD	PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics	6/29/21	Under Review	No

### **Topics of Note During the 2020-21 Year**

#### **COVID-19 and Committee Meetings**

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the committee met remotely during the entire 2020-21 year. Despite this, CCGA was able to efficiently complete its work of reviewing proposals and also was able to undertake several larger issues, some in collaboration with other systemwide committees.

#### **Dual Degrees Considerations**

At the end of the 2019-20 year, the committee began to discuss the development of guidelines for the review of dual degree proposals. Dual degree programs exist when an existing degree at UC partners with an external institution. A student who matriculated in to the dual degree pathway would earn two graduate degrees. Very little guidance for these types of proposals existed. WASC has some policies on dual degree programs, but those guidelines are very minimal.

CCGA formed a sub-committee to create some guidelines for the submission and review of dual degree proposals. This sub-committee looked at WASC policies, campus guidelines, and past practice to develop a set of considerations for campuses to use in the development of dual degrees. The final document – submitted to Academic Council - reflected input from various campus Graduate Councils (UCLA, UCSC and Berkeley) as well as UCEP and UCPB. [Council endorsed the Considerations](#) and forwarded them to the Provost for review by APC and possible inclusion in a future revision of the Compendium. The Considerations will be incorporated in the CCGA Handbook for the 2021-22 year.

### **Mentoring and Teaching Evaluations**

In 2018-19, the Council of Graduate Deans initiated the idea that Mentoring should be considered an integral part of Teaching Evaluations of Faculty during promotion and merit processes. CCGA agreed in principle, and – together with UCAP - discussed various rewordings of APM 210. In 2019-2020, CCGA and UCAP proposed renaming the teaching category in APM 210.1.d to “Teaching and Mentoring”, thus capturing the spirit that teaching and mentorship are all-inclusive activities that faculty conduct in diverse ways. CCGA and UCAP worked again throughout the 2020-21 year to provide edits to APM Section 210-1 (“Instructions to Review Committees That Advise on Actions Concerning Appointees in the Professor and Corresponding Series”) to ensure that the important responsibility of mentorship would be appropriately covered. The committees incorporated feedback from UCFW and UCAADE, and submitted the draft revisions to Vice Provost Carlson for review in the spring.

### **SSGPDP Sub-Committee**

A joint working group of CCGA and UCPB re-convened in the 2020-2021 academic year to examine emerging issues surrounding cost accounting, financial transparency, and spill-over effects for self-supporting graduate professional degree programs (SSGPDPs). The sub-committee met five times throughout the year. The sub-committee centered its study on seven topics: financial return to campuses, hidden costs of SSGPDPs, faculty compensation in SSGPDPs, rapidly changing programs, effects of SSGPDPs on the long-term reputation of UC, how to define and track success for SSGPDPs, and financial supporting from SSGPDPs. The sub-committee came up with a list of nine recommendations which it submitted to Council. Council, in turn, submitted the sub-committee report, findings, and recommendations to Provost with its own [letter](#).

### **Systemwide Master’s Proposal Reviews Process**

In the spring, the Provost made an announcement that he was considering proposing to the President to delegate Master’s degree approval to the Chancellors of the individual campuses. This proposal was very concerning to CCGA, UCPB, and the Senate, all of whom believe strongly in the immense value systemwide review brings to the campus proposals. UCPB and CCGA each invited the Provost to one of their monthly meetings so that they might share their views and concerns. Ultimately, the two committees jointly authored a letter to the Council advocating for systemwide review. This letter was endorsed by the Council, which sent a [letter](#) of its own to the Provost. This letter advocated a joint administrative/Senate assessment of the current system. It also endorsed the CCGA/UCPB proposal to form a joint working group to evaluate the Master’s proposal review process. As of this time, systemwide review is still in place.

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