

**COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS (CCGA)
ANNUAL REPORT 2002-2003**

TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:

The Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) met a total of nine times during the 2002-2003 academic year. Highlights of the Committee's activities and accomplishments are noted in this report.

Reviews of Proposed Graduate Degree Programs

One of CCGA's primary responsibilities is reviewing all campus proposals for new graduate degree programs. A total of 17 proposals were forwarded to CCGA for review during the academic year. The following table is a summary of actions of these proposals as of August 2003. In a few instances, programs were approved only after being revised in accordance with CCGA recommendations.

Program Proposed	Disposition
UCLA, S.J.D. in Law	Approved 11/19/02
UCLA-University of Singapore, Executive M.B.A.	Approved 11/19/02
UCSD, M.A.S. in Clinical Research	Approved 1/28/03
UCSB-Cal Poly SLO, Joint Ed.D	Approved 2/25/03
UCI-CSULA/CSULB/Cal Poly Pomona, Joint Ed.D.	Approved 2/25/03
UCSC, M.S./Ph.D. Bioinformatics	Approved 5/20/03
UCSD, M.B.A.	Approved 5/20/03
UCSD-SDSU, Au.D. Audiology	Approved 5/20/03
UCI, M.S./Ph.D. Networked Systems	Approved 6/17/03
UCSB, M.A./Ph.D. Chicano Studies	Approved 6/17/03
UCSC, M.F.A. in Digital Arts/New Media	Approved 6/17/03
UCLA, M.A. in Conservation of Archaeological and Ethnographic Materials	Approved 6/17/03
UCR, M.F.A. in Visual Art	Approved 6/17/03
UCB-CSUH/SFSU/SJSU, Joint Ed.D.	Approved 6/17/03
UCM, Individual Graduate Program leading to M.A., M.S., Ph.D. degrees	Approved 6/17/03
UCSD, Ed.D.	In Progress
UCD, Ph.D. in Linguistics	In Progress

CCGA also reviewed and approved proposals to discontinue, reconstitute, or change an existing graduate program or unit. These included:

- UCD-UCB Haas proposal to discontinue the joint M.B.A./J.D. program
- UCB proposal to convert the Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree from undergraduate to graduate status

- UCD proposal to change the name of the Graduate Group in “Physiology” to “Molecular, Cellular, and Integrative Physiology”
- UCSC proposal to change the name of the “Division of Natural Sciences” to the “Division of Physical and Biological Sciences”
- UCD proposal to reconstitute the “College of Biological Sciences” to the “Division of Biological Sciences”

Joint UC/CSU Ed.D. Proposals

CCGA reviewed and approved three joint UC/CSU Ed.D. proposals this year. These proposals were developed in response to last year’s agreement between the CSU and UC systems to create educational doctoral programs that meet the educational leadership needs of California. To ensure that the programs met the standards of UC excellence and quality, CCGA members engaged in thorough reviews and discussions. In each of the reviews, CCGA stressed that the success of these programs required adequate faculty resources and ongoing funding. The committee also emphasized the importance of conducting an outside evaluation of these programs in three years. These concerns were communicated with the participating campuses and the Joint Ed.D. Board.

UC Merced Graduate Initiatives

This year, CCGA had several opportunities to give input on UC Merced graduate issues including a perspective to establish a School of Management and a proposal for an Individual Graduate Program. Early in the year, CCGA met with UCM Graduate Dean Keith Alley to discuss the campus’ planning strategies and process for developing new graduate programs. Later in the year, CCGA was presented with a proposal for an Individual Graduate Program leading to the M.S., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. CCGA recognized the challenge of developing graduate programs before a critical mass of faculty has been hired, and approved the proposal on an interim basis. In connection with the approval, members outlined several contingencies to be addressed before students are enrolled. Most importantly, CCGA recommended the development of a graduate handbook, a set of general graduate student policies, and graduate group bylaws. The committee also recommended that the programs undergo a formal review within four years. CCGA will monitor the completion of these contingencies and plans to meet with the founding faculty members next year.

Multicampus Research Units

As one of the Compendium committees, CCGA comments were also sought on several MRUs issues:

AES of DANR. CCGA reviewed the five-year report of the Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) of the Division of Natural Resources (DANR). While CCGA recognized AES’ contribution to the state, but found the review report lacking in details about graduate education.

IGCC, UC MEXUS, UC LMRI. CCGA reviewed the reports on the 15-year comparative review of the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC), UC Institute for Mexico and the United States (UC MEXUS), and Linguistic Minority Research Institute (LMRI), and concurred with the Review Committee that all three MRUs have successfully filled their missions and should continue.

Bioengineering Institute of California. Overall, CCGA supported the basic idea of establishing a Bioengineering MRU, but noted that the proposal's modest financial support does not seem adequate for the long-term goals of the MRU.

Review of Other Policies and Issues

During the course of the year, the committee also reviewed and commented on the following issues and proposals:

- UCI proposal to establish a School of Information and Computer Science
- Model Development Plan for the UC Center in Sacramento
- APM-390 Postdoctoral Scholars
- Proposed Policy on Ownership of Course Materials
- The Master Plan
- Evaluation of International Graduate Applicants
- Graduate Student Financial Support/Return to Aid Funds
- Campus 5-year perspectives for 2003-04
- Proposed incorporation of the Monterey Institute of International Studies into UC

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