COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS
ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009

TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:

The Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) met a total of nine times during the 2008-2009 academic year.

Reviews of Proposed Graduate Schools and Graduate Degree Programs
One of CCGA's primary responsibilities is to review all campus proposals for new graduate schools and graduate degree programs. A total of 18 proposals were submitted to CCGA for review throughout the academic year. The following table summarizes CCGA's disposition of these proposals as of July 2009.

Campus	School/Program Proposed	Lead Reviewer	Disp. Date	Disposition
UCD	M.S. in Environmental Policy & Management	P. Springer	10/07/08	Conditionally approved
UCSC	Ed.D. in Collaborative Leadership	J. Sutton	11/04/08	Approved
UCSD	Ph.D. in Management	K. Rose	12/02/08	Approved
UCD	*School of Nursing*	J. Sutton	1/06/09	Approved
UCSD	M.A.S. in International Relations	E. Watkins	2/09/09	Approved
UCSC	M.S./Ph.D. in Technology and Information Management	J-T.Guo	3/03/09	Approved
UCR	M.A./Ph.D. in Management	S. Carter	3/03/09	Approved
UCD	Ph.D. in Communication	E. Watkins	5/05/09	Approved
UCR	M.S./Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering	J. Carmody	5/05/09	Approved
UCSD	M.S. in Computational Science	A. Knoesen	5/05/09	Approved
UCSD	Joint Ph.D. in Geophysics between UCSD and SDSU	K. Rose	6/02/09	Approved
UCR	Joint Ph.D. in Evolutionary Biology between UCR and SDSU	L. Gallagher	6/02/09	Approved
UCSF	M.S. in Science and Technology Studies in Medicine	I. Tager	6/02/09	Approved
UCSD	Joint Ph.D. in Engineering Sciences between UCSD and SDSU	V. Leppert	–	Under review
UCB	M.P.Ac. (Public Accountancy)	G. Mimura	–	Review pending receipt of revised proposal from UCB
UCLA	M.A./Ph.D. in Chicana/o Studies	J. Carmody	–	Under review
UCSF	M.S. in Dental Hygiene	I. Tager	–	Under review
UCD	M.S./Ph.D. in Nursing Science and Healthcare Leadership	I. Tager	–	Under review

CCGA worked on a number of initiatives and issues related to graduate education over the course of the 2008-2009 academic year, including:

Fee Policy for Graduate Student *In Absentia* Registration
CCGA submitted to Academic Council a revised Fee Policy for Graduate Student *In Absentia* Registration (IAR) that would effectively allow graduate students to take research or coursework leaves outside of California and remain enrolled in the University while paying 15% of combined Educational and Registration Fees. The policy would ask that the State support the IAR students at a 15% level, an amount commensurate with their fee payment. Under the new policy which was approved by Council, graduate students registered *in absentia* will continue to fulfill the academic residency requirement and the University will accumulate revenues from the reduced IAR fee and receive state support for these students, resulting in mutual benefits to the student and the University.

CCGA Review of Graduate Academic Certificate Programs
CCGA discussed review procedures of Certificate programs that do not fall under the purview of SR735 such as those that are offered in conjunction with other professional or academic degree programs. As a result of these discussions, CCGA submitted to Academic Council for approval and dissemination to the Divisional Senates, a revised memo outlining the review procedures of SR735 and non-SR735 compliant Certificate programs. Under these procedures, CCGA will henceforth require that currently active non-SR735 Certificates, which have not been previously reviewed at their outset by their Divisional Graduate Council, undergo review and approval within a year by their local Graduate Council in order to continue offering their Certificate programs. Furthermore, CCGA formally defined SR735 Graduate Academic Certificate (GAC) programs and distinguish its review of GACs from other graduate programs such as those granting the Master's and Ph.D. degrees.

Policy on Part-Time Self-Supporting Graduate/Professional Degree Programs
At the request of the Provost, CCGA reviewed a proposed policy on Part-Time Self-Supporting Graduate/ Professional Degree Programs. Over the course of several meetings, members considered and discussed key questions that were raised in a background paper prepared by Academic Affairs, the need to revise the 1996 policy, and whether or not the questions raised by Provost Hume could be appropriately answered by CCGA alone. CCGA ultimately decided to: define the scope of the review in such a way that it does not preclude future consideration of the larger question of what this means for UC; and produce a white paper to serve as a starting point for the Senate's future consideration of the larger UC policy implications associated with Part-Time Self-Supporting Graduate/ Professional Degree Programs. The draft white paper will be presented to Council in the fall.

Expenditure and Accountability of Funds Allocated for Graduate Student Support
CCGA discussed the issues of prioritization and accountability of funds for Graduate students. The committee considered input solicited from the divisional Graduate Councils via their respective CCGA representatives and from a report issued by the UCB Graduate Assembly on behalf of graduate students across the UC system. The committee forwarded comments for Council to consider incorporating into a follow-up letter to President Yudof. Of these, the most critical issue relates to the expenditure and accountability of new fund allocations for graduate student support, in the current year or future years.

Implications of AB-867
CCGA discussed the recently introduced State Assembly Bill No. 867 and the issues associated with the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree. AB-867 would allow CSU to offer doctoral nursing programs independently of UC and other institutions of higher education. Following a lengthy and thoughtful discussion, the committee voted to express its serious reservations about the proposed bill and to convey its apprehensions and the following pedagogical concerns to Council.

UC Merced's Interim Individual Graduate Program Authority

CCGA has reviewed on an annual basis UC Merced's Individual Graduate Program (IGP) Authority and approved the continued use of the IGP through the 2008-2009 academic year.

Reviews of Name Changes, Masters Degree Program Additions and Other Programmatic Matters
As shown below, CCGA considered several requests for name changes, consolidations, reconstitutions, discontinuances, of degree titles, programs, departments, graduate groups, or schools.

Campus	School/Program/Group	New Name/Group	Requested Action	Disposition
UCR	Anderson Graduate School of Management	–	Reconstitution	Approved
UCSC	Statistics and Stochastic Modeling Program	Statistics and Applied Mathematics Program	Name Change	Approved
UCSC	Bioinformatics	Biomolecular Engineering	Name Change	Not Approved
UCB	Agricultural and Environmental Economics	–	Discontinuance	Approved
UCLA	Romance Linguistics and Literature	–	Discontinuance	Approved
UCLA	M.A. in Department of Design | Media Arts	–	Discontinuance	Approved
UCLA	M.A. in Applied Linguistics and TESL	M.A. in Applied Linguistics	Name Change	Approved
UCD	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Cell and Developmental Biology	–	Consolidation	Not Approved

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