

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Minutes of Videoconference

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

I. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes**Action Requested: Approve the agenda and minutes as noticed.**

The agenda was approved; the December minutes will be voted on at the February meeting.

II. Chair's Report - Chair Karen Duderstadt

Academic Council Meeting:

- President Napolitano appointed former Council chair Dan Hare (UCR) as the faculty adviser to her cabinet.
- UCFW: The faculty salary gap has not been closed and the three percent salary increase has not kept up with inflation. The committee sent a letter to Council recommending a five percent increase to close the salary gap and to assure equity and fairness in closing any other gaps.
- An action from the last CCGA meeting resulted in a letter sent to Chair of Academic Senate regarding the tax bill. There are two issues that remain with the passage of the current federal tax bill: the concern of impacting University endowments and the loss of CA local and state tax deductions.

CoGD Meeting: The graduate deans meeting held a discussion about the progress of unionization of the GSRs. The Deans are awaiting the outcome of the sign-up period in January.

III. Vice Chair's Report – Vice Chair Onyebuchi Arah

Budget and Planning Meeting: The Provost's budget call included discussion about the redirection of funds for the enrollment growth slated for the 2018-19 year. The state has said that the University needs to find \$15M to pay for the proposed 1500 student increase in the next academic year. The conversation also touched on support for online education, which is very much favored by the governor. Lastly, the University is still concerned about the \$50M that has been withheld by the state pending favorable review by the state auditor.

IV. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership - Academic Council Chair Shane White

The Council Chair discussed the November Regents' meeting and the Board's reprimand of the President regarding interference with the audit survey results. He also discussed her strong support of DACA students, staff, and faculty. He closed with discussion of the upcoming 150th anniversary of the University and the importance of the anniversary as a testament to the longevity, importance, and efficacy of the Academic Senate and faculty governance.

V. Announcements from Academic Affairs

Art Ellis, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies

Todd Greenspan, Director of Academic Planning

Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst

- The Five-Year Planning Perspectives are due from the Chancellors in early April.
- 2U is a company that offers online courses; there is concern that some UC faculty may be working with 2U without having notified their campuses. Mr. Procello will be able to provide

more information on this topic in February. Concerns are a being raised regarding departments that are advertising programs prior to their approval. While it seems to be acceptable for programs to begin advertising as long as they make clear that approval is pending, the practice is nevertheless cause for concern.

- Graduate Research Advocacy Day will be held on March 21st. Part of the day will feature Grad Slam showcase in Sacramento.

VI. SSPGDP Report

A recurring cause of concern for CCGA is the lack of criteria or structure for the review of SSGPDPs once they are operational. It is agreed that UCPB should play a role in these evaluations. Currently some SSGPDPs are at their five-year mark, while others are at their three-year mark. Members discussed their campuses' review protocols for SSGPDPs. Many were uncertain about the level of review on their campuses, how it differed from regular program review (if at all), and the degree to which their Planning and Budget Committees were involved. Some members voiced concern about SSGPDP students and if they were eligible for – or using – campus services such as the health or writing centers and if their impact was being calculated as part of the program evaluations. The use of revenue from the SSGPDPs is determined at the campus level and is used in part to fund FTEs, creating a program imbalance on many campuses. One member noted that his campus was pulling some programs and replacing them with SSGPDPs. Chair Duderstadt presented a DRAFT document *CCGA Oversight of Campus Graduate Council Reviews of SSGPDPs* to members for review and discussion at the meeting.

Action Taken: *Chair Duderstadt will revise and update the document to include discussion points and present for further discussion and possible approval at the February meeting.*

VII. Proposals Carried Over from 2016-17

- A. Proposal for DNP on the Irvine Campus
– *Lead Reviewer Karen Duderstadt*

This program has two tracks: one to develop the BS to the DNP, and the other to develop the MS to the DNP. This program design is unique across the UC Schools of Nursing. The proposers responded promptly and thoroughly to questions submitted by the Lead Reviewer. A question was raised as to whether this should have been a traditional BS to DNP program rather than a SSGPDP, but the vast majority of DNPs across the country are self-supporting and the proposal presented strong financial arguments for establishing the program as a SSP in the current state funding environment for new FTEs in Schools of Nursing. CSU also has DNP programs, which likely are less expensive than this proposed program. There will be significant competition across the state for students, which may arise as an issue when the program is evaluated in the future.

Action Taken: *The proposal was approved 10-0-1 with the stipulation that the changes discussed with the Lead Reviewer will be updated in the proposal and submitted prior to the CCGA submission of the program proposal to the Academic Senate.*

VIII. New Program Proposals.

- A. Proposal for a DNP on the Los Angeles Campus – *Lead Reviewer Karen Duderstadt*

This DNP proposal is a Post Master's to DNP program design. The cost of this SSGPDP program is comparable to the other national programs and the admission criteria states that applicants need to have an active clinical practice, national NP certification, and letters of recommendation for admission. The four reviewers agreed that the program had significant strengths, necessary quality and rigor, and has significant depth in the curriculum. The program is designed for full-time practicing clinicians and 500 clinical hours are required for graduation. UCPB reviewed the proposal and reported it was financially sound including its return-to-aid policy.

Action Taken: The proposal was approved 10-0-1 with the stipulation that the changes discussed with the Lead Reviewer will be updated in the proposal and submitted prior to the CCGA submission of the program proposal to the Academic Senate.

- B. Proposal for a MS in Coastal Science and Policy on the Santa Cruz Campus
– *Lead Reviewer Teamrat Ghezzehei*
The review is underway with two UC reviewers and one non-UC reviewer. The Lead Reviewer is working on getting a second non-UC reviewer.
- C. Proposal for a Masters of Software Engineering on the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP]
– *Lead Reviewer Shahrokh Yadegari*
The Lead Reviewer has received four reviews and is in the process of preparing a response to the proposers. Two main issues were raised: the lack of data sciences courses, and the need for more equipment.
- D. Proposal for a MS in Serious Games on the Santa Cruz Campus {PDST}
– *Lead Reviewer Hyle Park*
Three reviewers have been received and the Lead Reviewer is working on finding a fourth.
- E. Proposal for a MS/PhD in Statistical Sciences on the Santa Cruz Campus
– *Lead Reviewer Jon Wilkening*
Reviewers have been secured; the Lead Reviewer is working toward having all the reviews ready by the February meeting.

IX. Transfers, Name Changes, Consolidations, and Discontinuances

- A. Proposal to Change the B.A. and Minor in Music History to a B.A. and Minor in Musicology, and to Disestablish the Music History Subject Area on the Los Angeles Campus
This change was deferred to the Undergraduate Council.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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Attest: Karen Duderstadt, Committee Chair