



COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2024

In attendance: James Bisley, Chair, Partho Ghosh, Vice Chair, Ilan Adler (UCB), Ele Grandi (UCD), April Thames (UCLA), John Abatzoglou (UCM), Sarita See (UCR), Wayne Steward (UCSF), Sutanu Sarkar (UCSD), Alex Simms (UCSB), Chad Saltikov (UCSC), Ryan Manriquez (student, UCB), Rebecca Ruiz (student, UCI), Peter Biehl (CoGD), Steven Cheung, Pamela Jennings, Todd Greenspan, Carmen Corona, Chris Procello, and Fredye Harms (analyst)

I. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Action Taken: The agenda and minutes were approved as noticed 10-0-0.

II. Chair's Report

Chair James Bisley

Chair Bisley reported that this week is the last opportunity to give feedback on the report from the Workgroup on the Future of Doctoral Education. He said he had attended a productive meeting on the possible calendar conversion, where the group discussed the survey that was to be sent out to some stake holders. Approximately 90 responses were received and will be discussed at the upcoming meeting. A website with a feedback form has been launched. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to hearing from UC student affairs groups.

Most of the recent Assembly meeting was spent in discussion of A-G ethnic studies proposal. Ultimately, the issue was not decided, and the item was pushed to the April Assembly meeting. Separately, it was announced at Assembly that UCOP is going to put \$200M in for MOP loans which is double than what was originally hoped. Considerable time at Council was spent on the proposed policy on awarding degrees posthumously. Some members felt the policy was too generous, and others felt it was not generous enough. It (along with comments) is being sent back to CCGA and UCEP for revision.

III. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Partho Ghosh

The Vice Chair told the group that the CoGD meeting dealt with two topics. The first was the Graduate Student Experience Study, which will go out in March. This year, it has been shortened significantly to encourage a higher rate of response. The majority of the meeting centered around the Future of Doctoral Education report. There was a suggestion that CCGA convene all the campus graduate councils to discuss the report.

IV. Council of Graduate Deans' Report

Dean Peter Biehl, UCSC

Dean Biehl built upon the Vice Chair's report, saying that the CoGD focused on the "bold" aspects of the report on the Future of Doctoral Education. Separately, he noted that AVP Jennings had arranged for the graduate deans to meet monthly with labor relations. Today, he said, the CoGD would be meeting with the VCRs to talk about training grants and the future of funding for graduate students. Advocacy needs to take place in Sacramento and Washington, DC. The Dean said that UC also needs to talk about how the University cares for its post-doctoral students (who are not unionized) with regard to mentoring and professional development as well as employment. The future of international students also needs to be addressed.

V. Announcements from Academic Affairs

Pamela Jennings, Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Studies

Todd Greenspan, Executive Advisor, Academic Planning and Policy

Carmen Corona, Director of Academic Planning and Policy

Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst

AVP Jennings commented that she has been working on the COGD meetings and her office has been getting reviews and applications for HSI fellows. Grad Slam will be in Sacramento this year which will be exciting but requires a lot of planning.

Director Corona explained that her office has formed a committee to go over all of the proposed policies and guidelines regarding online program managers (OPMs). Lisa Garcia Bedolla is the graduate representative. The agenda has been moving forward well, and UC has given updates to the governor's office which have been well-received. Policies will be in place by June.

Analyst Procello reported that the Five-Year Planning Perspectives had been sent to the chancellors and the Senate chair and the analysts for UCPB, UCEP, and CCGA.

Executive Advisor Greenspan announced that the University grew significantly at the undergraduate level and grew a slight amount at the graduate level.

<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/university-california-enrollment-continues-grow> The governor's budget will be released this week, and UC will be able to say it exceeded the compact's expectation for undergraduate growth. The current budget expectations have the University at a net \$2B increase, but that may change by the May Revise.

Members had some questions for the Executive Advisor.

VI. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership

Steven W. Cheung, Academic Senate Chair

Ahmet Palazoglu, Academic Senate Vice Chair

Academic Senate Chair Cheung told the committee that the January Regents meeting will be extremely active. The Regents have been very concerned that no students, staff, or

faculty were disciplined in the wake of the UCLA protests over the war in the Middle East; many Regents feel that the Senate is the bottleneck. At the January meeting, the Senate and UCOP will have to explain the disciplinary process and what has (or has not) transpired. He said that the Regents are anticipated to look for efficiencies and for better ways to carry out investigations and hearings. The Senate is actively thinking about strategies.

There have been regular and special meetings of the Assembly; at the December 12 meeting, the UC Quality Statement was unanimously approved. There was also a proposal for the overlay of a one semester non-additive requirement in ethnic studies as part of the A-G requirement for high school students entering the University. This was vigorously debated, and many members were well apart in their viewpoints. Faculty expressed concern that there would be inadequate funding to mount high quality ethnic studies courses in high schools. Because of the lack of resolution, a motion was passed to postpone the item to the April Assembly meeting. On January 17, there will be a special meeting of the Assembly on the President's security plan and the rise of health plan premiums.

At the December Council meeting, there were proposed revisions to Senate Regulation 479 (Cal-GETC). Those revisions were motivated by consensus among faculty that UC should prioritize major preparation over general education for transfer students who choose the ADT (Associate Degree for Transfer). The first revision was to lift the absolute requirement for a course in the biological sciences; that was approved. The second revision was to defer up to four GE courses for completion after transfer; that was debated and postponed. The meeting also featured the CCGA proposal for awarding degrees posthumously; no action was taken. Council members had questions about systemwide overreach, imprecise language, and the requirement of "good standing." Separately, the MOP program is getting additional funding. The allocations will be based on outstanding loans and then will service new applications.

The UC Davis division confidence vote for President Drake closed but the outcome has not been certified; the Senate is watching it closely. The Senate is also looking at the calendar slip. The focal point of the analysis has to do with the 1.33 percent increment to deal with the calendar slip in 2019 and conducting the analysis based on case studies of faculty at varying levels. UCSF has certified votes in support of two separate memorials to extend Senate membership to adjunct and health sciences clinical faculty with greater than 50 percent effort. The next step is for the other nine divisions to take up this matter. If two other divisions vote in favor of memorials and the cumulative faculty of all three divisions account for more than 35 percent of the membership of the Academic Senate, then the systemwide Senate office will organize a vote.

The presidential search is in full swing. Regent Carmen Chu is chair of the Special Committee, and the Academic Advisory Committee has been hard at work. Chair Cheung will be meeting with Regent Chu in mid-January to preview the assessments. This will be followed by an in-person meeting between the Special Committee and the Academic Advisory Committee in early February. The vice provost search is ongoing, and the applicant pool is strong. Provost Newman would like to have someone identified for that

position by April. The Santa Barbara chancellor search is ongoing, and they've had several committee meetings. The Riverside Chancellor search has just started.

Vice Chair Palazoglu updated the committee on the calendar conversion committee. He noted that several members of CCGA sit on the committee. It has had many meetings already and has another one scheduled at the end of the month. There is a subgroup examining the cost of possibly changing all of the campuses to the semester system. Feedback from the questionnaire that was distributed is being compiled and will be discussed at the next meeting. Feedback will also be collected on an ongoing basis through the webpage that has been created on the proposed conversion. The committee has been meeting with individuals about the impact of change on student experiential learning, student success, and advising. The plan is to produce a report by March that can go out for systemwide review and feedback.

Chair Cheung noted that the total remuneration and health benefits studies will be moving forward; the last study was over 10 years ago.

Members had questions and there was discussion.

VII. New Program Proposals

- A. Proposal for a Part-Time MS in Global Health Sciences from the San Francisco Division

Lead Reviewer: Chad Saltikov

The Lead Reviewer discussed the questions he had asked of the proposers and their responses, which were prompt and satisfactory.

Action Taken: The proposal was approved 10-0-1.

- B. Proposal for a Master of Public Administration from the Irvine Division [SSGPDP]

Action Taken: Wayne Steward was appointed as Lead Reviewer.

VIII. Systemwide Information and Items Under Systemwide Review

- A. Senate Chair Cheung's Remarks to the Board of Regents
- B. Proposed Presidential Policy on the Dual Use Research of Concern and Pathogens with Enhanced Pandemic Potential

Members had a number of questions and concerns about the proposed policy. Analyst Harms will draft a letter capturing these and Chair Bisley will send it forward to Council.

IX. Campus and Student Reports

Members and the student representatives commented on issues related to graduate education from their divisions.

X. New Business

There was no new business.

XI. Executive Session

No minutes are taken during Executive Session.

The committee adjourned at 11: 55 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Fredye Harms, Committee Analyst

Attest: James Bisley, Committee Chair