

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

**Minutes of Meeting**

Wednesday, January 9, 2018

- I. Approval of the Agenda and the Minutes of the December 5 meeting.

***Action Taken:*** *The agenda was approved as noticed. The minutes are delayed.*

II. **Chair's Report** - *Chair Onyebuchi Arah*

Assembly: The working group on student needs going to be led by Senate Vice Chair Bhavnani. The Assembly was informed about SSGPDP project and they were interested on how SSGPDPs are faring. Roughly twenty percent of graduate students at UCI are SSGPDP.

The Graduate working Group is interested in formulating some principles in regard to student housing (this is a subcommittee of APC).

Graduate student funding needs some fresh approaches. Executive Director Jennings said that a wide range of ideas had been discussed, and outlined a few of them. Consultant Zatz added that the graduate deans are always looking at normative time to degree and are also encouraging people to look for alternative sources of funding, etc.

III. **Vice Chair's Report**

– *Vice Chair Ramesh Balasubramaniam*

The Vice Chair is the CCGA representative on the COGD; that group is working on revising APM to include graduate student supervision and mentoring as part of tenure promotion etc. They are looking at expanding it to include effective mentoring, accomplishments of mentees, degree completion, attention to completion of degrees by URMs, and successful transition to work after completion. The Vice Chair will circulate it when the draft is complete. There was considerable discussion among members about poor mentoring, lack of accountability, and lack of oversight in mentor/mentee relationships. It was suggested that perhaps mentorship teams would be a good idea. The student representative noted that it is intimidating to have one person with that much power over a student's future.

The next CoGD meeting is Jan 16.

IV. **SSGPDP Systemwide Review Project Update**

- *Chair Onyebuchi Arah*

The Chair expressed thanks to members who have suggested topics and issues to address in this project. Factors under discussion are the impact on students, curriculum, etc., and review of them. He asked for continued input. Director Greenspan added that there was a 2011 SSGPDP policy and then it had a 2016 revision as a result of the conversion of the Anderson School. The 2016 policy is much more strict than the original, but every program has unique circumstances. Campuses can "do their own thing" as long it does not contradict the systemwide policy. The Senate would like the final review report by April.

## **V. Announcements from Academic Affairs**

*Art Ellis, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies*

*Todd Greenspan, Director of Academic Planning*

*Pamela Jennings, Executive Director of Graduate Studies*

*Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst*

Analyst Procello told the committee that he presented the most recent draft of the planning perspectives to APC in December, and they were received well. APC is also on board for looking at TA/GSI training. He will report back in the months ahead.

Executive Director Jennings asked members if there had been campus difficulties related to the federal shutdown. Campuses reported that there had been impacts in various areas. Jennings told them that UC's federal government relations team has been engaged and is working to alleviate problems. On a separate note, the deadline for UC/HBCU proposals is March 15. The University will have small workgroup on UC/HSI effort to launch in fall 2019. There are some funds available for this year, but the program is not formalized yet. She asked committee members to share any ideas they might have for securing funding for the program.

Director Greenspan discussed the doctoral data program dashboard that was emailed to the committee. He also said that his office is about to post fall enrollment data. Graduate student enrollment grew to about 2000 – most were PDST or SSGPDP, but about 500 were academic. UC is asking for additional funding for graduate students from the Regents and also waiting to hear from the new governor. The University is pretty optimistic about the state's revenue this year.

## **VI. Standardized Test Scores & The Potential of Holistic Graduate Admissions : The UC AMIGA Mellon Project**

*- Dr. John Slater, Faculty and Chair in Spanish and Portuguese, UC Davis*

*- Dr. Raquel Aldana, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Diversity and Law Faculty, UCD*

*- Dr. Josephine Moreno, Graduate Diversity Officer, UC Davis*

The guests showed a PowerPoint presentation about the AMIGA Project, which is Mellon funded. The Project is looking at the entire system of public education and how it addresses the needs of the state. The demographics of the state indicate that it needs to produce more college graduates. Higher education needs to look at removing barriers: both in admissions and in college preparedness. Racial disparities are problematic. However, Proposition 209 dictates that the University needs to be neutral in admissions. Standardized testing is not nuanced. It is probable that holistic review will be on trial at the Supreme Court soon.

The committee discussed this issue at length with particular focus on the GREs.

## **VII. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership**

Robert May, Academic Council Chair

Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Academic Council Vice Chair

The Chair told the committee about the look at standardized test evaluation at undergraduate level. If UC changes its approach on SATs/ACTs, it will make national news. There is a lot of evidence that standardized tests are discriminatory, but the College Board is strongly in favor of them. The Chair will keep the committee posted on the discussions.

The University is now one month out of its contract with Elsevier, but has been granted a month's extension. The Council strongly supports the renegotiation efforts. Many other Universities are

looking to see what UC will do. The Chair will keep the committee abreast to the best of his ability; much of what is being discussed is confidential.

There is much national debate about fetal tissue research; UCSF is particularly in the crosshairs. The Council will likely be making a statement in support of this kind of research and also in support of UCSF. There is only one company that provides these materials and the administration is trying to put it out of business. Separately, the University is also getting a lot of pressure about international espionage (from China in particular).

The transfer guarantee is moving forward; BOARS has a recommendation that will go out for 90-day review. It will give students a whole range of options; they will be able to choose from six campuses.

UCEP will be sending a proposal for posthumous degrees. Some campuses have had policies and others have not; there should be a systemwide policy, and the current proposal is very good. It has specifications but also has some latitude. Council will be looking at it shortly.

Faculty salary plan – A budget has been approved for five percent on scale by the Regents. It is unclear if this is part of a three-year or four-year program. The President has remained focused on eliminating the salary gap. The University has approached the state for an overall ask for an 11 percent increase, which is a very ambitious ask. There will not be an increase in tuition.

### **VIII. New Program Proposals**

- A.** Proposal to establish a Master of Bioprocess Engineering on the Berkeley Campus [SSGPDP]  
– *Lead Reviewer Teamrat Ghezzehei*  
The Lead Reviewer was absent.
- B.** Proposal to establish a Masters in Supply Chain and Logistics Management on the Riverside Campus [SSGPDP]  
– *Lead Reviewer Leroy Westerling*  
The Lead Reviewer hopes to have reviews by February.
- C.** Proposal to establish a joint Entomology BS/MS Five-Year Combined Degree program on the Riverside Campus  
– *Lead Reviewer Caroline Streeter*  
No new classes are being required; the proposal seems straightforward. It is not clear if community college transfer students would be eligible for the program. The Lead Reviewer is going to ask the campus to respond and hopes to vote in February.
- D.** Proposal to establish a MFA in Environmental Art and Social Practice at the Santa Cruz Campus  
– *Lead Reviewer Dyche Mullins*  
Professor Mullins, who is not on CCGA at this time, has graciously offered to do the review of this proposal which was not undertaken by the previous UCSF representative. A new UCSF representative is being sought.
- E.** Proposal to establish a Master of Engineering at the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP]  
– *Lead Reviewer Lynn Russell*  
The Lead Reviewer has contacted 22 faculty and still does not have reviewers.
- F.** Proposal to establish a Master of Presentation Design at the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP]

– *Lead Reviewer Hyle Park*

All four reviews have been received, but the proposal needs to go back for some significant revision. UCPB also felt that the proposal was lacking and implementation seems to be wanting.

**G.** Proposal to establish a PhD in Language Science at the Irvine Campus

– *Lead Reviewer Gina Dent*

The four reviews have been positive, but there is some feedback for the proposers. The Lead Reviewer hopes to be able to vote at the next meeting.

**H.** Proposal to establish an MS in Natural Language Processing at the Santa Cruz Campus

– *Lead Reviewer Amr El Abbadi*

The reviews are quite good – they raise some issues but they are minor. The main challenge is whether the program will be able to recruit faculty. The reviews will be helpful for the proposers to take to the dean to bolster their case. There are some programmatic issues; the proposal is very dependent on machine learning. The program is going to be in Silicon Valley, not in Santa Cruz – will this be a problem?

**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 7-0-1.**

**I.** Proposal to establish an Online MBA Program on the Davis Campus [SSGPDP]

– *Lead Reviewer Priyaranjan Jha*

The reviews are all in and are loaded on SharePoint. All were supportive of program and the quality is fine. Approval is suggested, pending the review from UCPB.

**J.** Proposal to establish a Flexible Master of Social Welfare at the Berkeley Campus [SSGPSP]

– *Lead Reviewer Ramesh Balasubramaniam*

Berkeley already has an MSW program that is very good but they want to create an SSGPDP. They claim a huge need for this proposal. The Lead Reviewer has one internal reviewer and hopes to have external reviewers by the next meeting.

**K.** Proposal for a Certificate Program in Supplemental Studies in Advanced Practice in Nursing on the San Francisco campus.

– *Lead Reviewer Carlee Arnett*

This proposal is under review.

**L.** Proposal for a Master of Legal Studies on the Los Angeles campus. [SSGPDP]

**Action Taken: This proposal will be assigned to the new Berkeley member.**

**M.** Proposal for a Master of Science in Genetic Counseling on the San Francisco campus.

**Action Taken: Amr El Abbadi was assigned as the Lead Reviewer.**

**N.** Proposal for a Master of Design (MDes) Program on the Berkeley campus [SSGPDP] –

**Action Taken: This proposal will be assigned to the new UCSF member.**

**O.** Proposal for a Bachelor of Arts in Economics – Public Policy/ Master of Public Policy on the San Diego campus.

**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 6-0-1.**

**IX. Transfers, Consolidations, Disestablishments, and Discontinuances**

- A.** Proposal for a Simple Name Change from *Statistics and Applied Mathematics (SAM)* to *Applied Mathematics* on the Santa Cruz Campus

This is related to a proposal CCGA had last year for Statistics from this campus. The departments split last year and this is just getting the names in line. It has been a highly contentious split.

**Action Taken: *The Name Change was approved 6-0-1***

The meeting adjourned at 3:33.

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