

## COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

## Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

## I. Approval of the Agenda and the Minutes of the January 9 meetings.

**Action Taken:** *The agenda and minutes were approved as noticed.*

## II. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership

*Robert May, Academic Council Chair*

*Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Academic Council Vice Chair*

The Senate Chair remarked that the governor released budget, and that now UC is waiting for the May Revise. UC received \$240M (a 6.9 percent increase). This is favorable compared to the past, but there it is not as good as it looks. UC asked for \$140M to make the one-time funds for tuition buyout permanent. Also, money for enrollment growth was not included. Normally, UC presents its budget with various categories and it is given a block sum of money to fill those. This year the governor gave UC the money in terms of line-items, which severely restricts its use. The OP budget is normally assessed against campuses, but now is a line-item in the state budget and has no increases; this amounts to a four percent cut to OP. ANR is also line itemed. There is some optimism. This budget was put together by the Brown administration; OP government relations staff have been meeting with Newsom's people and bringing them up to speed. This will involve a significant lobbying effort. There is nothing for faculty merit in the budget.

Elsevier negotiations continue. UC and Elsevier are far apart, but there is some movement from the publisher. Access will remain while negotiations continue. If there is failure, UC will no longer have access to new publications; however, it still will have access to materials from the past. The President has come out strongly in favor of OA. Everyone internationally is looking at UC to see what it will do. The librarians are putting in contingency plans.

President also made a powerful statement in support of fetal tissue research. This came to a head with regard to UCSF researchers who have developed Humanized Mice in order to do AIDS/HIV research (because HIV will only attack human cells. Access to this material is highly restricted. The Trump administration informed UCSF that it would have 90 days to wrap up research and close the lab. It is unclear where it stands now, but UCORP and UCFW wrote strong letters of support.

There is a task force discussing standardized testing in college admissions, while CCGA reviews the GRE issue. This is a very important. Whatever UC does will be national news and will have a huge effect on higher education policy.

## III. Chair's Report - Chair Onyebuchi Arah

UCI is proposing a fully-online undergraduate program; this is something the University does not have and it is something that cannot move forward without a systemwide review.

UCADDE has done some excellent work on the use of the diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) statement from faculty in academic hiring and advancement. They have come up with six principles that have been adopted by the Council. The University needs to have its "carrots and

sticks” lined up carefully; this should be front-and-center not an afterthought. CCGA will have to grapple with some of this issue when it comes to graduate education. The committee needs to make sure that it looks at diversity when it reviews proposals. There is a sense that some proposals are not living up to their proposed diversity goals. This should probably be added to the Handbook. The Chair told the committee members to keep diversity goals in mind as they look at the proposals.

UCOP restructuring will come to a close this year; it is winding down. UC Press and ANR are staying with OP. UCDC and the Sacramento center are still being discussed, but are not going anywhere. Student affairs being reviewed.

The Council recently endorsed a collective policy on posthumous degrees for undergraduate and graduate students.

The UC Path letter that CCGA sent yielded some fruit. The disruptions have been discussed with the President, and the administration is moving quickly to address the issues. They are also considering pausing the current roll-out so they can make improvements.

#### **IV. Vice Chair’s Report – *Vice Chair Ramesh Balasubramaniam***

The Vice Chair gave a brief report along with some input from Academic Affairs staff.

#### **V. SSGPDP Systemwide Review Project Update**

*- Chair Onyebuchi Arah*

The Chair said that he has had a few meetings with UCPB and UCAP on the SSGPDP review questions and how they should be posed. UCAP has a very specific view about faculty impact/promotion. UCPB and CCGA have a lot of information they want. Current thinking is to pilot the questions at UCI and then come back and fine tune them. He thanked the Academic Affairs staff for helping with the questions; which will have a quantitative aspect. The Chair asked some members to step forward and help brainstorm about the questions and secured a few volunteers, including one student representative. Results will be shared at the next meeting.

#### **VI. APM 210 Revision**

*- Vice Chair Ramesh Balasubramaniam*

The Vice Chair reported that the CoGD suggested changes to APM 2.d to include mentoring as a major part of the merit review process. The plan is to move the proposal (endorsed by CoGD) to UCAP for further review. The specific changes in the document are shown below.

Among significant types of evidence of effective mentoring are the following: (a) accomplishments of mentees, including conference presentations, publications, creative activities, or other evidence of productive scholarship; (b) research awards or extramural fellowships; (c) special distinctions, such as best-paper awards; (d) degree completion of mentees within normative time to degree in the concerned field of study; (e) degree completion of students who faced challenges associated with financial, health, or family matters; (f) completion of degrees by under-represented minority, first-generation, or other students not traditionally represented in the field; (g) successful transitions into professional employment, postdoctoral training, or (for undergraduate or master’s mentees) graduate programs.

The committee discussed this topic at length.

## **VII. 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*

Director Greenspan informed the committee that the March Regents' Meeting will include the next presentation of the multiyear Framework. To-date, much of the reporting has been on undergraduate degree attainment. The impetus for the Framework is to set some targets for goal-setting; they are crude estimates, but they are a starting point. There will also be talk will be about getting undergraduates to go to graduate school, possibly through 4+1 or 3+2 programs. The committee talked at length about funding and multi-year packages for student funding.

## **VIII. New Program Proposals**

### **A. Proposal to establish a Master of Bioprocess Engineering on the Berkeley Campus [SSGPDP]**

*– Lead Reviewer Teamrat Ghezzehei*

After much communication with the campus and revisions to the proposal, the Lead Reviewer recommended approval of the program.

**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 9-0-0.**

### **B. Proposal to establish a Masters in Supply Chain and Logistics Management on the Riverside Campus [SSGPDP]**

*- Lead Reviewer Leroy Westerling*

Five letters of review have been secured, but only one has been received thus far. It was very comprehensive and quite critical. Riverside has two SSGPDPs and the enrollments are declining and the Reviewer believes the campus is looking to keep up the revenue (though this is not overtly stated). He hopes to have the other reviews by the March meeting.

### **C. Proposal to establish a joint Entomology BS/MS Five-Year Combined Degree program on the Riverside Campus**

*- Lead Reviewer Caroline Streeter*

The Lead Reviewer has communicated with the proposers, but they have not responded. She will circle back to them.

### **D. Proposal to establish a MFA in Environmental Art and Social Practice at the Santa Cruz Campus**

*– Lead Reviewer Dyche Mullins*

The Lead Reviewer will present at the March meeting.

### **E. Proposal to establish a Master of Engineering at the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP]**

*– Lead Reviewer Lynn Russell*

The Lead Reviewer remarked that the program is very broad and would apply to all of the engineering disciplines available at UCI; the program would expect a diverse number of students. It will be using the SSGPDP resources to increase lecturers and FTEs and then have a regular number of ladder rank faculty. UCI did a good job of responding to the comments from the reviewers; all of the reviews were strongly positive.

**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 8-0-1.**

- F. Proposal to establish a Master of Presentation Design at the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP]  
– *Lead Reviewer Hyle Park*  
After the last meeting, the Lead Reviewer emailed the proposers with suggested revisions and did not hear back from them until this morning. Hopefully they will be ready for a vote at the next meeting.
- G. Proposal to establish a PhD in Language Science at the Irvine Campus  
– *Lead Reviewer Gina Dent*  
The Lead Reviewer was not present.
- H. Proposal to establish an Online MBA Program on the Davis Campus [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer Priyaranjan Jha*  
UCPB had four points of concern, and the proposers addressed each of them. The academic part of the proposal looks fine, but the committee would like more information about the 2U component. This proposal engendered a lot of discussion by the committee.
- I. Proposal to establish a Flexible Master of Social Welfare at the Berkeley Campus [SSGPSP]  
– *Lead Reviewer Ramesh Balasubramaniam*  
This is an extension of an existing MSW program that is giving an opportunity for students to study at night. In many ways, the program already exists. This is just an SSGPDP option. There are concerns about how students will pay as their loans as MSW students do not make a lot of money. UCPB was concerned about how the campus will distinguish between the state-funded and SSGPDP students. The campus answered that students will be kept to their own groups and will not share classes. The Lead Reviewer is still waiting for one review. He expects to be able to vote in March.
- J. Proposal for a Certificate Program in Supplemental Studies in Advanced Practice in Nursing on the San Francisco campus.  
– *Lead Reviewer Carlee Arnett*  
In 2009 there was request for this program, and the proposal is finally here. This is only one of two such programs in the state. This is a self-supporting certificate, which is not covered in the SSGPDP policy. The proposal is being sent to UCPB for evaluation.
- K. Proposal for a Master of Legal Studies on the Los Angeles campus. [SSGPDP]  
**Action Taken: Mark Wilson was assigned as Lead Reviewer.**
- L. Proposal for a Master of Science in Genetic Counseling on the San Francisco campus.  
– *Lead Reviewer Amr El Abbadi*  
The Lead Reviewer hopes to have input by mid-March.
- M. Proposal for a Master of Design (MDes) Program on the Berkeley campus [SSGPDP]  
– *Lead Reviewer Beth Phoenix*
- N. Proposal to add a MS in Public Health to the PhD in Public Health on the Irvine Campus.  
**Action Taken – Carlee Arnett was assigned as Lead Reviewer.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:40.

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