

## COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

**Minutes of Meeting**

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

**I. Approval of the Agenda and the Minutes of the December and January Meetings**

**Action Taken:** *The agenda was approved as noticed; the minutes were approved with minor corrections.*

**II. Chair's Report - Chair Karen Duderstadt**

- Academic Council Meeting

The Huron Report was commissioned as a follow up from the audit of UCOP. It was presented at Regents' meeting and was met with skepticism. It has not been widely distributed. Overall, the report contained good news: OP is efficiently run and is the home of many best practices. Two of the biggest recommendations they made were to separate UC Press and UC Health and the five medical centers in an effort to simplify the UCOP budget. Executive Director Pamela Jennings added that Provost Brown is very engaged in protecting the academic enterprise. In addition, the Huron Report said that the University should invest more in graduate studies. Chair Duderstadt reported that The Council is writing a letter to the President regarding the changes proposed in the Huron Report. Provost Brown is trying to emphasize graduate and undergraduate research. He would be happy for any input or support from faculty. He is interested in getting out the message of the importance of investing in graduate education.

- The CoGD met; there were not any important updates on the GSR unionization efforts.

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

- Budget and Planning meeting
- UCORP ITS MRU Review

UCORP is moving ahead with the ITS review. It has received the self-study and has a series of questions. There is still opportunity for CCGA to share any concerns or questions with Professor Arah. It needs to be determined how the program adds value to graduate education.

The governor's budget proposal was not what UC was expecting. He has made it clear that he is not in favor of any tuition increases. Talk about faculty salaries will not get any foothold in Sacramento because the legislature feels that faculty are already overpaid. However, faculty retention continues to be a big problem because of compensation. UC loses people frequently to private universities. Pension and benefits used to offset the salary gap, but that is no longer the case.

**IV. 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*

VP Art Ellis said that his office had a good meeting with the Regents about undergraduate affairs, undergraduate research, and graduate student mentoring of undergrads. His office is now working on

materials to help promote graduate research and education at upcoming Regents' meetings. Grad Slam is an excellent and engaging way to advertise graduate education. He said that his goal is to create new knowledge about the importance of the graduate experience. The committee discussed ways to share the innovations and opportunities of graduate research through curated websites. Executive Director Jennings agreed that such sites would be tremendous but discussed some of the complications and challenges of putting one together.

Analyst Procello explained two projects he is undertaking. One is admissions data; he has made good progress in organizing the data and is able to extract SSGPDP admissions data. He will be producing a report on that sometime later in the year. The other project is workforce demand studies. Not many of these studies focus on graduate students. The findings thus far are showing that the external environment is shaped by healthcare. The results are garnered by EDD data, Five Year Planning Perspectives, CCGA approvals, enrollment data, and EDD data on post graduate outcomes.

## **V. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership**

*Academic Council Chair Shane White*

Based on a letter from the Committee on Academic Freedom, the committee had a discussion about freedom of speech versus freedom from hateful or offensive speech. This is part of an ongoing discussion had on many of the campuses where controversial visiting speakers have protested by students.

Chair White said that there might be some momentum now to fix the faculty salary gap between UC and the "comp eight." He said that the disparity is the main reason faculty leave UC and that it probably has as disproportionate effect on URM faculty and women. Our cost of living increases have not kept pace with the actual cost of living. There are also differences between campuses and between departments. Any plan that the President might adopt will have some discretionary component.

A retiree health workgroup has been announced, and it has not been happy with the charges that have been presented.

The governor did not live up to the agreement for four percent budget increase; he is giving UC a 2.7 percent increase.

The Huron Report says there is not much fat at OP and that the systemwide office is quite lean compared to other systems. It also states that that OP needs to grow (not get smaller) and that it is the best in class in many areas. The Regents were not overly impressed with report.

## **VI. Final Update on Proposals Carried Over from 2017**

### **A. Proposal for DNP on the Irvine Campus**

*– Lead Reviewer Karen Duderstadt*

### **B. Proposal for DNP on UCLA Campus**

*-Lead Reviewer; Karen Duderstadt*

These proposals were completed and approved at Council last week and are now with the Provost. The Chair put them back on agenda because she wanted the committee to know that she had received revised proposals.

## VII. New Program Proposals

- A. Proposal for a MS in Coastal Science and Policy on the Santa Cruz Campus – *Lead Reviewer Teamrat Ghezzehei*  
The Lead Reviewer is expecting at least two reviews next week and hopefully a third. He has two internal one external. He is preparing to draft a letter summarizing strengths and weaknesses for the campus. Overall, it was a very strong proposal and received very good reviews.
- B. Proposal for a Masters of Software Engineering on the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer Shahrokh Yadegari*  
Four reviews have been received and comments forwarded to the proposers. The reviews were generally positive. Issues that did arise were the lack of data sciences in the proposed curriculum and the issue of software architecture and design. UCPB had two issues: they thought indirect costs were insufficient and also felt it was not clear if the need for TAs would put a strain on the department. The Lead Reviewer is waiting for response from the campus.
- C. Proposal for a MS in Serious Games on the Santa Cruz Campus {PDST} – *Lead Reviewer Hyle Park*  
Two internal reviews have been received and both were very positive. However, both raised concern that Santa Cruz already has a program in Games and Playable Media. That said, – both reviewers thought it was timely and spoke to an unmet need.
- D. Proposal for a MS/PhD in Statistical Sciences on the Santa Cruz Campus – *Lead Reviewer Jon Wilkening*  
The four reviews received were all positive, with two areas of concern. The final report should be in shortly.
- E. Proposal for a MS in Science Communication on the Santa Cruz Campus  
**Action Taken: Dyche Mullins was assigned as Lead Reviewer.**
- F. Proposal for an MA in Indo-European Studies on the Los Angeles Campus.  
**Action Taken: Gina Dent was assigned as Lead Reviewer.**
- G. Proposal for an MS in Genetic Counseling on the Los Angeles Campus.  
**Action Taken: Greta Hsu was assigned as Lead Reviewer.**

## VIII. SSPGDP Evaluations – Update

- Confirm program status at campus level
  - Review survey for criteria for program review
  - Discuss next steps in program review
- Analyst Chris Procello noted that the University has to develop a method to evaluate these programs. Chair Duderstadt remarked that committee members had questions as to the financial status of the programs and what – if any – negative impact they are having on the campuses. Conversely, have they been generating the revenue anticipated? Are there programs that could be considered models and others that should perhaps be discontinued? Have they been working to increase the diversity of the campuses and have they been following through on return-to-aid? Some campuses have expanded student fees to SSPGDP students so they can have access to counseling, parking, etc. Finally, does CCGA have a role in the formal review of these programs? Committee members discussed these questions at length.

**IX. Approval of program/vendor partnerships by CCGA**

*Todd Greenspan, Director of Academic Planning*

*Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst*

This discussion grew out of concerns about programs that get modified and have 2U partnerships without any systemwide oversight or knowledge. They are operating outside of UC policy. Even in areas where the campus is aware of the partnership, there seems to be limited oversight. Analyst Procello remarked that the committee could perhaps get some guidance in the area through the Office of the General Counsel. It is likely that partnerships such as this will be on the increase as the University tries to remain competitive with its private counterparts who have more flexibility.

**X. Updates from the Campuses**

Davis - Upcoming: a proposal to reconstitute the MA in English to an MFA, dissolution of a partnership between Davis and CSU, and a U2 partnership program.

Berkeley – Very interested in the SSGPDP outcome.

Irvine – Upcoming: Music History and Theory PhD, SSGPDP Data Science Masters program, a Masters in English that is coming to CCGA with some changes, and a PhD in French has been suspended for eight years because of a lack of faculty is being reopened.

Merced – Upcoming: EECS Master/PhD that was an IIGP and programs that are in review: Bioengineering, Materials and Biomaterials, and a Masters of Innovation and Sustainable technology.

Riverside – Upcoming: Biophysics MS/PhD

San Diego– Upcoming: Two name changes and an interdisciplinary program in Public Health.

Santa Cruz– Upcoming: Human Computer Interaction Masters program.

Santa Barbara – Upcoming: Possibly a Masters in Environmental Data Sciences.

UCSF – Nothing upcoming.

UCLA – The UCLA representative was no longer on the line.

Adjourned 3:25.