

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

**Minutes of Meeting**

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

**I. Approval of the Agenda and the Minutes of the February 6 meetings.**

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

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

The Chair told the committee about a few items coming up for CCGA. One is that the committee needs to craft a draft policy for incarcerated students. Some questions to consider will residency requirements, student support, and who has a right to an education. Should there be restrictions based on the offense?

Student evaluation of teaching is a growing issue of discussion. UCAP and UCAADE would like to know if CCGA will participate in looking at this. There is concern that evaluations are biased; they should not be a "popularity contest." The Teaching and Learning directors have formed a task force to address this.

Academic Council has had discussions around foreign influence. Memos have gone out on a few campuses about faculty being concerned about intellectual theft and espionage. A lot of Chinese faculty are very concerned. Also, some faculty are involved with research involving national security.

CCGA needs to help campuses with their PDST proposals be prepared for Regents. The Regents are very concerned about diversity. CCGA needs keep diversity in mind with all proposals.

**III. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership**

*Robert May, Academic Council Chair*

*Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Academic Council Vice Chair*

The Council Chair told the committee that UC has "walked away" from the Elsevier contract. This is seen as an important Academic Freedom issue. This may result in some level of inconvenience for faculty, but the campus librarians are working to help alleviate that. In addition, libraries all over the country are ready to help with interlibrary loan. This was discussed at length by the committee.

The Chair also remarked that he is glad CCGA is examining the issue of standardized testing. Undergraduate standardized testing is being discussed a task force led by Henry Sanchez; it is making great progress. The Chair expects a progress report from the task force by the end of the academic year.

**IV. The GRE and Graduate Admissions**

*Vice Chair Ramesh Balasubramaniam*

*Frances Leslie, Graduate Dean, UCI*

*Robin Garrell, Graduate Dean, UCLA*

Vice Chair Balasubramaniam attended a COGD meeting where the issue of possibly doing away with the GRE was discussed. Several publications looked at using the GRE in the traditional way (alone) or part of a holistic review. Also, the issue of grade inflation was discussed and the concern that the GPA itself can be biased. There is concern is that the GRE is something everyone takes – including international students - and if it is taken away, then other means of evaluation will be used, and they also can be biased. The committee discussed the issue at length and deliberated what possible “replacements” could be developed for the GRE.

## **V. New Program Proposals**

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

- *Lead Reviewer Leroy Westerling*

Three reviews have been received; the two external review were quite harsh. The curriculum is outdated, under-resourced, and too theoretical. There is no business advisory board or a plan for developing one. The courses are severely lacking. In addition, the campus already has an SSGPDP MBA program that is not doing well.

**Action Taken: The proposal was refused 8-0-2.**

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

- *Lead Reviewer Caroline Streeter*

This proposal is still under review.

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

- *Lead Reviewer Dyche Mullins*

The Lead Reviewer has contacted several reviewers, with no commitments yet. He anticipates having feedback at the next meeting.

- D.** Proposal to establish a Master of Presentation Design at the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer Hyle Park*

The Lead Reviewer is still waiting to hear back from the program proposers. At this time, it seems like that their graduate council is working with them.

- E.** Proposal to establish a PhD in Language Science at the Irvine Campus – *Lead Reviewer Gina Dent*

The Lead Reviewer was out due to illness.

- F.** Proposal to establish an Online MBA Program on the Davis Campus [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer Priyaranjan Jha*

The Lead Reviewer secured four reviews. One of the external reviewers was from Syracuse and they have a successful online MBA. He was supportive, though he had some reservations about 2U. The campus responded promptly to comments from UCPB. There is some concern about the contract and about diversity numbers.

The committee expressed concern about the contract and about the impact on other programs. The Chair will consult with Senate leadership to ascertain their view and will return to the committee for a vote. Also, he will also ask for someone from OGC to review the contract and for the Davis campus counsel to confirm the contract.

- G. Proposal to establish a Flexible Master of Social Welfare at the Berkeley Campus [SSGPSP]  
– *Lead Reviewer Ramesh Balasubramaniam*  
**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 9-0-1.**
- H. Proposal for a Certificate Program in Supplemental Studies in Advanced Practice in Nursing on the San Francisco campus.  
– *Lead Reviewer Carlee Arnett*  
**Action Taken: The proposal was provisionally approved 8-0-1 pending a positive review from UCPB.**
- I. Proposal for a Master of Legal Studies on the Los Angeles campus. [SSGPDP]  
-- *Lead Reviewer Mark Wilson*  
The Lead Reviewer is securing reviewers.
- J. Proposal for a Master of Science in Genetic Counseling on the San Francisco campus.  
– *Lead Reviewer Amr El Abbadi*  
Two external reviews have been received and are positive. Hopefully the internal reviews will be ready by next month.
- K. Proposal for a Master of Design (MDes) Program on the Berkeley campus [SSGPDP]  
– *Lead Reviewer Beth Phoenix*  
The proposal is under review.
- L. Proposal to add a MS in Public Health to the PhD in Public Health on the Irvine campus.  
-- *Lead Reviewer Carlee Arnett*  
**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 8-0-1**
- M. Proposal for a Master of Data Science in the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences on the Irvine campus [SSGPDP]  
**Action Taken: LeRoy Westerling was assigned as the Lead Reviewer.**
- N. Proposal for a School of Public Health on the San Diego campus  
**Action Taken: Ramesh Balasubramaniam was assigned as the Lead Reviewer.**
- O. UCLA Confidential Item: No minutes were taken for this item.
- P. Proposal for a Seventh 7<sup>th</sup> Undergraduate College on the San Diego campus.  
**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 8-0-1.**

## **VI. Transfers, Consolidations, Disestablishments, and Discontinuances**

- A. Proposal to discontinue the MAS program in Health Policy and Law on the San Diego Campus  
**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 8-0-1.**
- B. Proposal to discontinue the EdD in Teaching and Learning on the San Diego Campus  
**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 8-0-1.**

- C. Proposal for a Simple Name Change from Master of Laws in American Law to Master of Law in the School of Law on the Irvine Campus

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

- D. Proposal for a Simple Name Change from the MA and PhD in East Languages and Literature to the MA and PhD in East Asian Studies in the School of Humanities on the Irvine Campus-

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

The meeting Adjourned at 4:02