



COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

I. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

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

II. Consultation: Negotiations

Andrea Kasko, UCLA

Professor Kasko discussed the recent negotiations with members and answered questions.

III. Chair's Report

Chair Partho Ghosh

Chair Ghosh remarked that he had been to Council and that the requirements for digital compliance for websites have been postponed to May 2027. Separately, there is another lawsuit on Title VI grounds against UCLA. There was a letter from some faculty to UCOP and the Regents asking for the SAT and ACT to be reinstated. BOARS has been working with K-12 and will be presenting their suggestions at Assembly. There have been bills presented in the legislature that are muddying the lines of the Master Plan. With regard to labor, the contracts are going to play out differently on different campuses because of salary scales. That said, negotiations are ongoing with Unit 18 Lecturers. Finally, the bill for funding research in California was passed by the legislature, but it was reduced to \$12B. More broadly, the current budget has not been decreased for UC, but there are deficits projected for future years.

IV. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Ele Grandi

The Vice Chair reported that she attended the COGD meeting on May 20, which featured an update from FGR regarding the DOE and recent decisions about professional students. A number of lawsuits are being organized. There is also a new earnings accountability system by the DOE which raised some concerns with the deans with respect to data comparing graduates to undergraduates. There was a visit from Associate Vice Provost Shawn Brick about the ending of Grad Plus. The deans asked about starting a UC Grad Plus; AVP Brick brought that suggestion to leadership but there was no support from the Chancellors or the President. Finally, there was discussion at

COGD about labor negotiations.

V. Fully Asynchronous Program Guidelines

Vice Chair Ele Grandi

Neil Gilbert (UCB)

Chad Saltikov (UCSC)

Vice Chair Grandi said that the subgroup had talked about the two major issues and tried to organize the guidance using short guiding principles, some questions/criteria for review, and some recommendations. She noted that these are not exhaustive.

Professor Steward said that the same criteria should also apply to all online programs.

This guidance will be added to the Handbook this summer.

VI. New Program Proposals

- A. Proposal for an MS in Global Regulatory Science and Innovation (GRSI) from the San Francisco Division [SSGPDP]

Lead Reviewer: Baolin Wu

The Lead Reviewer noted that the proposers had extensively revised the proposal and that the UCSF GC gave very good input. The program was very responsive, and CCGA's comments have been addressed.

Action Taken: The proposal was approved 9-0-1.

- B. Proposal for an MA in Anthropology from the Santa Cruz Division

Action Taken: New Proposal Requested

- C. Proposal for a Master of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (MAIML) from the Berkeley Division [SSGPDP]

Lead Reviewer: Hyle Park

The Lead Reviewer noted that all three reviews had consistent comments which he grouped into four areas. The proposers clarified and provided harder numbers that were missing in the original proposal.

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

- D. RESUBMISSION: Proposal for an Online Master's in Preventive Veterinary Medicine and One Health (eMPVM) from the Davis Division [SSGPDP]

Lead Reviewer: Irene Beattie

The Lead Reviewer reached out to the proposers to let them know about a unit-limit policy issue. The proposers are going to work with the Davis GC to have something ready by July.

- E. Proposal for a Master of Population Data Science from the Los Angeles Division [SSGPDP]

Lead Reviewer: Joe McFadden

The Lead Reviewer has one review in hand, is expecting three more.

- F. Proposal for a Master of Instructional Design (MInD) from the Berkeley Division [SSGPDP]

Lead Reviewer: Sutanu Sarkar

The Lead Reviewer was not present but reported via email that he has five reviewers secured and has received one positive review.

- G. Consultation Request: Computer Science Degree Requirement Change from the Davis Division.

The Chair summarized his interaction with the campus. The committee engaged in considerable discussion and debate about the question.

Action Taken: Members voted 8-0-1 to send the issue back to Davis for the GC to make a decision with the recommendation that, if appropriate, they submit a proposal next year.

- H. Proposal for a Master's in Education and Teaching Credential from the Davis Division [PDST]

Lead Reviewer: Neil Gilbert

The Lead Reviewer was not present but reported that the proposal was straightforward and did not need to go out for external review.

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

- I. Proposal for an Online MS in AI and Data Science from the Santa Cruz Division [SSGPDP]

Action Taken: Hyle Park was assigned as Lead Reviewer.

VII. Transfers, Name Changes, Consolidations, and Discontinuances

- A. Proposal to Transfer Five Degrees from the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry to the New Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biophysics (BMB) from the San Diego Division

- Biochemistry & Molecular Biophysics
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biophysics with a Specialization in Quantitative Biology
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biophysics with a Specialization in Computational Science
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biophysics with a Specialization in Interdisciplinary Environmental Research

- Biochemistry & Molecular Biophysics with a Specialization in Multiscale Biology

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

- B. Proposal to Discontinue the Feminist Studies PhD and DE from the Santa Cruz Division

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

VIII. New Business

Professor Wu raised a question about Master of X in relation to federal funding.

Professor McFadden raised a question regarding residency with regard to joint degree programs.

IX. Executive Session

No minutes are taken during Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

