

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Item
<p>I. Consent Calendar</p> <p>A. Approval of the Agenda and Approval of the Minutes of May 2017. <u>Action Taken:</u> <i>The agenda and minutes were approved as noticed.</i></p> <p>II. Chair's Report - Chair Kwai Ng</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Council Meeting • Academic Planning Council <p>Budget call: The governor's projection on revenues is still very conservative. He has decided to take \$4M from UC and CSU to maintain the value of Cal Grants to support students who choose to go to private institutions. There is a lot of pushback from UC about the \$4M deduction. The governor included the \$18.5M for undergraduate enrollment increase. The University did get some money for a transportation study. The state is going to withhold \$50M of general fund budget from UC until the following three conditions are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement all the measures/recommendations by the auditor's report 2. Carry out and complete the pilot program Activity Based Costing (ABC). A couple of campuses have piloted ABC but they have not completed the program. 3. All campuses with exception of Merced have to fulfill the 2:1 ratio (two freshmen for every one transfer). <p>All three must be fulfilled before the \$50M will be released. Academic Senate Chair Chalfant is composing a letter to the legislature explaining the difficulty for the some of the campuses in terms of the 2:1 condition.</p> <p>The President requested \$9M for 900 graduate students. The governor denied the funding, but the legislature came up with different versions of a similar proposal (Assembly: \$9M for 900 graduate students; Senate: \$5M for 500 graduate students) with the contingency that the students must be California residents. Furthermore, there is no money for new facilities and labs for the proposed additional students.</p> <p>Graduate Council: UCB continues to push for "augmented review." Council allowed up to 15 percent of students to include additional letters of recommendation. There was a lot of discussion about the merits and demerits of augmented review. Many expressed concerned that the letters will actually reduce diversity rather than increase it.</p> <p>UC Salary Increase: Next year, UC will have a three percent salary increase; 1.5 percent will be for scale, and 1.5 will be to correct discrepancies. The Council reached a conclusion that this method should not be used in the future.</p> <p>The Electronic Dissertation Committee has created a draft policy which will go to APC and – if approved – then go out for systemwide consultation via the Academic Council.</p>

Grad Slam was a huge success and very engaging. The contest winner was a social scientist who talked about making mental health services more accessible.

III. Vice Chair's Report – Vice Chair Karen Duderstadt

The day-long meeting of the Council of Graduate Deans was held May 9 in the chancellor's box at the Berkeley stadium. Considerable discussion centered around about benchmarking non-resident students. Four campuses are above 18 percent non-resident enrollment; the others are capped at 18 percent. This generates concern that some campuses will have an advantage over the others in enrollment and funding.

The Graduate Deans also discussed issues affecting doctoral and post-doc students, including food insecurity, changes in personnel in graduate departments, support for URMs, graduate housing, DACA students, mentoring, and career center efficacy.

IV. Announcements from Academic Affairs

Todd Greenspan, Academic Planning Director

Pamela Jennings, Graduate Studies Director

Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst

A new Provost will be in place for the fall, which will doubtless lead to a number of new initiatives and processes in Academic Affairs.

Grad Slam went well; the students did an amazing job.

The Academic Affairs staff and the committee discussed the need for report on viability of SSGPDPs and their accountability. Are programs being covered through SSGPDPs that should actually be state-supported. There seems to be some ambiguity regarding SSGPDP data and its reliability. Guidance is needed as to what information should be collected and how should it be weighed. The Chair remarked that he would consult with the UCPB chair to see if local divisional councils could be included in an SSGPDP assessment process.

V. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership

Shane White, Academic Council Vice Chair

NB: Both the Chair and Vice Chair were at a meeting in Sacramento. The Vice Chair called in.

The Vice Chair thanked CCGA for all of the hard and effective work over the year, and complimented it on its edits on the Handbook and on the mentorship guidelines. Currently, the state government is trying to reconcile what governor and legislature want in the final state budget. Things are not looking good for UC. The governor intends to withhold \$50 M for until the three conditions earlier discussed are addressed. The campuses are going to have difficulty meeting the 2:1 transfer-to-freshman ratio. Santa Cruz and Riverside would have to turn away over 3000 qualified freshmen, including California residents and URMs.

VI. Program Proposals

- A. Proposal for a Program of Professional Graduate Studies with PDST for a Master of Management offered by a new Graduate Group in management of Innovation, Sustainability, and Technology on the Merced Campus – *Lead Reviewer Dick Arneson*

This is a new graduate group with a plan to eventually have a PhD and Masters. It would recruit recent graduates in science, social science, and engineering and give them a year of management training with the goal of enabling them to find more employment opportunities.

Action Taken: The proposal was approved 10-0-1.

- B. Proposal for a 4+1 BA/MA in European Thought and Culture on the Irvine campus – *Lead Reviewer Dar Roberts*
This proposal is coupled with one-year stand-alone masters and is being proposed by a relatively new department. Four reviewers responded and their feedback was sent to the proposers. The proposers replied with a draft, but have not yet submitted a final response.
- C. Proposal for a JDP with SDSU in Computational Science on the Irvine campus – *Lead Reviewer Mike Coffey*
Four reviews are in and are largely supportive. Reviewers question the motivation behind a joint proposal with SDSU; however, the demand for such a PhD is very strong. The last review is expected shortly and voting should take place in July.
- D. Proposal for an MS in Geotechnical Engineering on the San Diego campus – *Lead Reviewer Susan Charles*
Three reviewers have responded. If the fourth is not ready by July, the vote will move forward without it.
- E. Proposal for a Master of Public Health (MPH) on the San Diego campus [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer Daniel Neumark*
The internal reviews were all positive. The external were also positive, but raised some questions, foremost of which concerns the rationale behind creating this program as an SSGPDP.
- F. Proposal for a Master of Real Estate Development and Design (MRED+D) on the Berkeley campus [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer Onyebuchi Arah*
The Lead Reviewer commented that there had been some concerns about faculty support that were shared with the campus. The campus responded that the faculty vote was legal and sufficient. Concerns remain regarding faculty workload and compensation. That said, the committee is still awaiting feedback from reviewers.
- G. Proposal for a Master of Professional Accountancy at the Rady School of Management [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer Ramesh Balasubramaniam*
This proposal is still under review.
- H. Proposal for a Master of Molecular Science and Software Engineering (MSSE) at the Berkeley campus [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer Chair Kwai Ng*
This proposal is still under review.
- I. Proposal for a Master of Information and Cyber Security (MICS) at the Berkeley campus [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer Donald Smith*
This proposal is still under review.
- J. Proposal for a Doctorate in Nursing Practice on the Irvine campus [SSGPDP] – *Temporary Lead Reviewer Karen Duderstadt*
This proposal is still under review.
- K. Proposal for a Doctorate in Nursing Practice on the Los Angeles campus [SSGPDP]
Action Taken: This proposal assignment was postponed to the next agenda due to lack of time.

- L. Proposal to extend the Interim Individual Graduate Program through the 2017-2018 academic year at UC Merced

Action Taken: The proposal was approved 9-0-0, with the stipulation that the campus hasten its progress in the EECS program. The campus is behind schedule. If the situation is not remedied soon, it will fall very far behind.

VII. Transfers, Consolidations, Disestablishments, and Discontinuances

- A. Proposal to initiate the discontinuance of the Neurobiology Graduate Degree Program at UCLA
No action needed at this time; initiation only.

- B. Proposal for a “simple” name change from Department of Communication Studies to department to the Department of Communication at UCLA

Action Taken: Approved 8-0-1

- C. Proposal to initiate the discontinuance the PhD Program in Biological Chemistry and transfer the MS to Molecular Biology IDP at UCLA
No action needed at this time; initiation only.

- D. Proposal to discontinue the Biological Sciences and Educational Media Design program at UC Irvine

Action Taken: Approved 8-0-1

VIII. Enrollment and Diversity in SSGPDPs

- *Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst*

Mr. Procello presented the committee with diversity and enrollment data for SSGPDPs systemwide. The document summarized demographic trends over past 15 years. The committee discussed the level of URM and international representation in SSGPDPs compared to PDST courses. The Chair noted that he will work to coordinate with UCPB to see if more data can be extracted to help the local graduate councils.

IX. Items of Interest

- A. Appendix K Revisions

The Chair commented that he had made some changes to Appendix K based on committee comments, but that he had not yet shown them to the Provost. He has updated it to align it with the new SSGPDP policy which was released in the fall. He asked for the committee to review his changes, which he would then discuss with the Provost. After some discussion, the committee agreed that the proposed changes would serve as a good starting point for conversations with the Provost.

- B. LSOE/Teaching Professor Policy

The Chair stated that he would collect a set of final comments for the Council but that CCGA would not be taking an official stance on the policy due to divergence of opinion within the committee.

C. Mentorship Best Practices Draft

Vice President Ellis remarked that that the draft was excellent and served as a valuable complement to his department's Collective Excellence document. The Vice President distributed a copy of the Collective Excellence document and remarked that he co-authored a brief letter to CCGA encouraging the committee to continue these conversations about mentoring with reference to Collective Excellence.

Executive Director Jennings noted that the best practices were valuable and asked if there could be a way to carry their momentum into the next year to create a broader culture change in mentoring systemwide. The committee discussed the issue at length. Members asked if adherence to the guidelines should be part of the faculty review process.

The Chair said he would finalize comments on the mentoring guidelines and then would send it to the Graduate Councils and the Deans to be shared with students on the campuses.

X. New Business/Campus Updates

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.