



COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, July 1, 2026

I. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

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

II. Chair's Report

Chair Partho Ghosh

The Chair announced that some UCAD Plus deadlines were on the horizon. All of the deliverables should be completed by July 13. There will be an in-person meeting on the 23rd in Oakland and the final report will be submitted on July 27. The early career awards for new faculty will continue. There has been a report from BOARS about the ongoing issue of admissions and a report from UCPB about athletics funding. UCEP provided a report on UC Online directed to try to bring it under Senate guidance and control

Professor Steward attended Assembly in lieu of the CCGA Chair and Vice Chair. He noted that the BOARS proposal elicited the most discussion. There will be a committee to see if the SAT should be reinstated. There was also an adjustment of the disciplinary committee bylaws, and the President and Provost gave updates.

III. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Ele Grandi

The Vice Chair reported that COGD discussed advocacy and new regulations regarding grant termination. She also attended the UCEP meeting to hear about WSCUC to discuss proposed new rules pertaining to accreditation. There is going to be a new policy around transfer of credits and there is concern about maintaining UC quality.

The Faculty Advisory Committee is preparing employment letters. There are still many questions that have not been addressed.

IV. New Program Proposals

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

Action Taken: New Proposal Requested

- B. 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 reminded the committee that this proposal was reviewed last year and was declined. It has since been revised and sent to the same reviewers who originally evaluated it. It is a robust program directed largely at people who already have the credential and want specialized training.

Action Taken: The proposal was approved 9-0-2.

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

Lead Reviewer: Joe McFadden

The Lead Reviewer said that the four reviewers were very enthusiastic about the proposal and had some very small comments, but nothing that was critical. This would be the first program of its type in the US, and UCLA is very well-positioned to lead this program. Chair Ghosh suggested that a paragraph be added about the Master of X and federal limitations on international students.

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

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

Lead Reviewer: Sutanu Sarkar

The Lead Reviewer secured five reviewers. This is an online/hybrid program with immersive learning experience. UCPB is concerned about the amount of time to establish it and the associated cost. He will be in touch with the proposers.

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

Lead Reviewer: Hyle Park

The Lead Reviewer has one review secured and is working to get others.

- F. Proposal for a 4+1 MS in Data Science from the Riverside Division

Action Taken: Neil Gilbert was assigned as Lead Reviewer.

- G. Proposal to establish a Nurse Anesthesia concentration within the existing Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program from the Irvine Division [SSGPDP]

Action Taken: No one is available to take this proposal at this time. It will be deferred to the October meeting.

- H. Proposal to establish an Online Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) in Aerospace Engineering from the Davis Division [SSGPDP]

Action Taken: Sutanu Sarkar was assigned as Lead Reviewer.

V. Transfers, Name Changes, Consolidations, and Discontinuances

- A. Proposal to Change the Name of the PhD in Biological Engineering to Bioengineering from the Santa Barbara Division

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

- B. Proposal to Change the Degree Title of the Master of Applied Artificial Intelligence for Science to Master of Science in Applied Artificial Intelligence for Science from the Irvine Division

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

- C. Proposal to Change the Degree Title of the Master in Management to Master of Science in Management from the Irvine Division

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

VI. Systemwide Items Under Review

- A. Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43 Supply Chain Management
- B. Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policies Applying to UCPD

VII. New Business

Professor Beattie asked if other divisions had experienced staff cuts to their graduate divisions.

VIII. Executive Session

No minutes are taken during Executive Session.

The committee adjourned at 11:11 a.m.