

## COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

### Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

#### I. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

**Action Taken: The agenda and the May and June minutes were approved as noticed 8-0-0.**

#### II. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership

*James Steintrager, Academic Senate Chair*

*Steve Cheung, Academic Senate Vice Chair*

Senate Vice Chair Cheung thanked members for their service.

The Vice Chair discussed highlights from Academic Council, including revisions to APM 016 which dealt with simultaneous merit and disciplinary actions. The revisions originated in UCPT, which were sent through Council to APP. However, the draft revision circulated by APP did not accurately or thoroughly reflect the changes recommended by UCPT. Council will be forwarding its concerns to APP with the hopes that these oversights can be corrected. Relatedly, Vice Chair Cheung noted that APP will now be divided into two departments: Labor and Academic Affairs. Council has some concerns about the staffing of these new divisions with regard to appropriate knowledge and consideration of the faculty perspective. Finally, he remarked on CCGA's statement regarding faculty responsibility, which was endorsed by Council via an email vote.

Senate Chair Steintrager said that he and the Vice Chair have been talking to the President about campus post-event analysis related to the encampments and also about the campus climate with regard to the state budget. The report about last year's strike from the Provost's consultant is finalized and largely has to do with how labor relations is organized and communicated within OP. The consultant presented her report to the President and it was then distributed to the campus administrators, and finally the Senate leadership. The Senate Chair expressed his belief that the Senate should have received the report at the same time as the campus administrators. He noted that he hoped to be able to distribute the report more broadly by the end of next week, but needs to consult with UC Legal first. He observed that the report was somewhat modular, so it is an open question as to which options will be taken. The reorganization of APP seems to be in harmony with some of the options of the report. UC will be dealing with the findings of the report this summer and into fall.

The President has ordered an investigation into the police response to the encampments at UCLA. UCLA is the only campus undergoing this review currently, although several other encampments ended with police intervention. The Irvine division of the Senate has requested an investigation on how the encampments were handled at that campus. Chair Steintrager said that he and the Vice Chair have been reviewing

the Robinson-Edley Report, which is intended to guide UC in its responses to protests. The Senate leadership is recommending a Senate component into any investigations that take place in the wake of the encampments. Members had some comments related to activities and related consequences on their campuses. The Senate Chair observed that some of the actions taken were in alignment with California Penal Code 626.4, which allows the administration to keep students off campus and the use of interim suspensions. He said that the Senate was interested in pursuing how that code had been used. Members weighed in with numerous concerns and related problematic experiences on the campuses.

The Senate Chair thanked members for their hard work during the year.

### III. Chair's Report

*Chair Dean Tantillo*

Chair Tantillo reported on APC meeting he attended. He informed the committee that the Compendium is undergoing a first level review with a more in-depth review and revision expected in the future. He also said that the final report of the workgroup on the future of graduate education should be out this summer and will provide a "menu" of options that groups can consider. Also of note was news that the Provost seems to want to change all of the campuses to the semester system, with the argument that the quarter system is "inhumane" and forces students to do their work in a compressed window of time. Members discussed the logistics and costs of such a transition at length.

### IV. Vice Chair's Report

*Vice Chair James Bisley*

The Vice Chair reported that there had been no meetings of UCACC or CoGD.

### V. AB 656 (Allowing CSU to Offer Doctorate Degrees)

*Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst*

Analyst Procello noted that CCGA had given "fantastic" feedback to CSU regarding their proposal submission process and that they took it very seriously. They developed two documents to facilitate proposal submission review and tracking. Mr. Procello shared his screen and went over the documents for the committee. In response to a member comment, Mr. Procello affirmed that the process will need to ensure that best practices are being fulfilled regarding the societies that have expectations on degree proposals (licensure) such as the DNP and PsyD.

### VI. Transfers, Name Changes, Consolidations, and Discontinuances

- A. Proposal to Transfer the Master of Development Practice (MDP) from the Graduate Group and Graduate Division to the Goldman School of Public Policy and to Disestablish the MDP Graduate Group from the Berkeley Campus

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

- B. Proposal to Consolidate the Chinese Language and Japanese Language PhD programs into a Single East Asian Languages and Cultures PhD Program on the Berkeley Campus.

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

- C. Proposal for a Simple Name Change MS/PhD in Earth Sciences to Earth and Planetary Sciences on the Santa Cruz Campus

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

- D. Proposal for a Simple Name Change from Molecular Toxicology IDP/PhD to Environmental and Molecular Toxicology from the Los Angeles Campus

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

## VII. New Program Proposals

- A. Proposal for an MS in Medical Physiology on the Los Angeles Campus [SSGPDP]  
*Lead Reviewer: David Booth*

The Lead Reviewer explained that the proposers had submitted a point-by-point response to the June review and also a revised proposal. While he acknowledged that other SSGPDPs did have similar price points, other such proposals have internships built into them and have a clear track to a job or market need. He noted that the proposal had also been “flagged” at the campus level as a bridge program. Members weighed in with serious concerns about the appropriateness of the degree, suggesting that it might be better suited as an MAS, a 4+1, or a certificate program. Chair Tantillo added that UCPB had also done a second review of this resubmitted proposal and reaffirmed its decision to reject the proposal.

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

- B. Proposal for a Master of Education Sciences with a Concentration in Learning Analytics on the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP]  
*Lead Reviewer: Sarita See*

The Lead Reviewer was not present, but reported via email that she has received UCPB’s assessment, which is supportive overall and endorses the program, though it has some questions. She has received two external reviews, and is awaiting three more.

- C. Proposal to add an *en route* MA to the existing PhD in Logic and the Methodology of Science on the Berkeley Campus  
*Lead Reviewer: Tonya Williams Bradford*

The Lead Reviewer reported that she had not received any response from the

campus. This proposal will be considered closed.

## **VIII. UCM Interdisciplinary Humanities Policies and Procedures and Bylaws (For Review)**

Professor Scheibner explained that this item was regarding a question as to whether the program changes (the current or accumulated) are to be considered so substantial that a CCGA review may be warranted. The committee discussed the lack of clear guidance regarding “substantive change” and the need for such direction in either the Handbook or Compendium. CCGA determined that a new program proposal is not necessary at this time; the program only needs to get their revised P&Ps and Bylaws approved by the UCM GC, and then get the WASC approval for the substantive change of the curriculum.

## **IX. New Business**

There was no new business.

## **X. Executive Session**

No minutes are taken during Executive Session.

The committee adjourned at 12:11 p.m.