

## COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

## Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

**I. Approval of the Agenda****Action Taken:** *The agenda was approved 11-0-0.***II. Welcome and Chair's Report/Orientation***Chair Erith Jaffe-Berg*

The Chair asked members to introduce themselves. She told the group that Council met on September 28 and Academic Senate Chair Cochran provided an update about the Regents' meeting and about the allocation of the UC investments. Last year's compact with the governor includes a five percent increase to the budget as long as UC meets certain goals. The Regents are concerned about transfer students; this concern is being addressed by a new transfer committee, ACSCOTI. President Drake spoke to Council about his goals, which were expanding opportunities and excellence in increasing enrollment by one percent a year up to 2030, leading on climate change research, strengthening an inclusive, respectful, and safe community, and promoting health across California, especially in the most vulnerable communities. OP has initiated two working groups, one of which is focused on models of support for graduate students. Chair Jaffe-Berg asked to have a CCGA member appointed to this group. There is second workgroup on pandemic relief for the faculty. There is fair amount of climate research funding available. President Drake also spoke about the importance of encouraging transfer students from community colleges that do not have a high rate of transfer to UC. The Council reviewed letters from UCPB and UCFW about how faculty salaries should be addressed.

The Chair then discussed the proposal review process with members. She also shared information about last year's joint Senate/administration Master's degree proposal review task force report. She explained that the role of CCGA was called into question by the Provost. Ultimately the task force determined that the review process should remain intact as it is, with systemwide review through CCGA. The task force report was endorsed by Council. Chair Jaffe-Berg noted that the issue of Master's degree review is likely to be raised again by the administration, despite the findings of the joint workgroup.

Finally, the Chair noted that there are shifts about how URM education is being funded. The Ford Foundation has ended its Diverse Scholars Program. It is unclear how this will affect the University.

**III. Vice Chair's Report***Vice Chair Dean Tantillo*

The Vice Chair reported that he had attended the CoGD meeting. There was a discussion of funds from a new budget being used to support UC LEADS and Cal-Bridge. There was also some discussion of the Native American Opportunity Plan. At this point, it is not clear where the funds to implement it will be found. Finally, the CoGD discussed raising application fees for graduate school.

#### **IV. Council of Graduate Deans' Report**

*Dean Jean-Pierre Delplanque*

Dean Delplanque explained that the CoGD meets monthly. In October, it featured a presentation from Cal-Bridge, which fits well into the goal to diversify the professoriate, particularly in STEM. The program focuses on reinforcing a connection with the CSU and encouraging their undergraduates to apply to UC PhD programs. Currently, the program has 50 participants, but UC would like to see it grow to 200 by 2030. The program has a budget of \$5M. Two point five million is earmarked for two-year fellowships for PhD scholars. There is also some funding for post-docs and some limited research support. CoGD is very interested in lending its support to this program.

The Dean added that the meeting featured considerable discussion about bargaining. The negotiations are going to impact the way students are paid and supervised. The group also discussed the Native American Opportunity Plan. There is some confusion on the campuses about how it is to be implemented. It applies to students who are members of federally-recognized tribes. Finally, Dean Delplanque told CCGA that the CoGD has a meeting scheduled with the President at the end of October. The Council is going to ask to be “put to work” as advocates for graduate education.

#### **V. Announcements from Academic Affairs**

*Theresa Maldonado, VP of Research and Innovation*

*Pamela Jennings, Executive Director of Graduate Studies*

*Todd Greenspan, Director of Academic Planning*

*Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst*

Executive Director Jennings explained that she was with GUEA (Graduate, Undergraduate, and Equity Affairs) within the office of the President. Almost two years ago, he EVCs put together a new initiative entitled Growing Our Own, which prioritizes the diversification of faculty. It is proactive in reaching students that may have had limited access to graduate education, particularly PhD pathways. Her office also operates the UC HSI Doctoral Diversity Initiative; it currently has an open RFP with a deadline of November 14. The program has a grant component and a fellows component; each campus gets to name two fellows a year. Her office also runs the UC-HBCU Initiative, which started in 2012. The Initiative has had nineteen PhDs graduate from the program. Thirty-seven percent are currently in tenure-track positions.

Vice President Maldonado told the committee that she came to UCOP in mid-March 2020. She explained that her office works not only with the ten campuses, but also with the three National Laboratories, UC Health, and ANR. The leadership from those entities is on her Research Council. One significant effort her office is working with now is the \$100M in climate funding UC received from the state. The governor announced in his budget plan that he was giving \$185M to UC for climate resilience work. Eighty-five million was redirected to three campuses. The \$100M remaining provides the University with an opportunity to demonstrate to Sacramento that UC research can be responsive to the needs of the State of California. The second project that her office is deeply involved with is a statewide DOE hydrogen hub opportunity. The governor's office reached out to UC to work with them to lead the statewide initiative. There will be one proposal from the State of California, with state government, industry, nonprofits, and others involved.

Analyst Procello told the committee that the Compact with the governor will help stabilize funding for the next five years. One stipulation in the Compact is that UC would increase access for 2500 graduate students. Another goal is called Supporting Workforce Preparedness and High-Demand Career Pipelines. His office is working on the first set of reports for the Compact. Mr. Procello then shared his screen and went over the proposal review process and the status of proposals currently under review.

Director Greenspan said that OP needs to talk with the legislature about how UC will handle the enrollment increase. Per the Compact, UC is supposed to grow 8500 undergraduates. However, enrollment this year has been flat. In addition, the Compact sounded much more fruitful when inflation was lower, but it may need to be renegotiated. He added that the APC is meeting on Friday for the first time this year and will be talking about the graduate funding model and graduate student employees and post-pandemic priorities.

Members had questions for the consultants and there was discussion.

## **VI. Campus Reports**

UCB – There was also a separate meeting of chairs of divisional Academic Senate committees and campus representatives on systemwide Academic Senate committees that was called by the divisional leaders. A major topic of discussion was how various Academic Senate committees could communicate with each other more effectively, and how to communicate system-wide Academic Senate and UCOP information out to the campus; currently, there is no convenient way to distribute this information.

UCD – The GC hasn't met yet.

UCI – The campus has the final segment of WASC review this year and reviewers will be visiting for inspections. GC is meeting next week.

UCLA – There is an ongoing discussion around remote versus in-person courses and participation. Separately, the nursing accreditation body has said it now requires a DNP; the Master's degree is no longer sufficient.

UCM – The campus has started an initiative that targets improvements and expanded opportunities at the postdoctoral stage (including the transition from grad school into the job market). The campus is also working to determine the impacts graduate students experienced due to factors such as the pandemic, the implementation of the Oracle system, building closures, facility service outages, etc.

UCR – The GC has met once; there was nothing to report.

UCSD – The GC has concerns about distance education and is considering increasing the number of remote classes offered. The campus is investigating ways by which proposals for remote classes can be more streamlined. Another big topic is a five-year funding guarantee for all PhD students and a three-year funding guarantee for all MFA students.

UCSF – Each of the campus' graduate programs is rewriting its bylaws. This is an outgrowth of a concern about how to handle faculty who have violated Title VII or Title IX. The member asked for input from other campuses on this issue. A second issue is the provision of guidance and oversight for UCSF's interactions with outside institutions.

UCSB – The member was not present.

UCSC – Santa Cruz has a working group to determine ways to track graduate student funding. The chancellor announced a new strategic academic planning process and it is important that the funding recommendations from the subcommittee end up in that plan. The campus is also grappling with online education, primarily for undergraduate education.

## **VII. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership**

*James Steintrager, Academic Council Vice Chair*

Vice Chair Steintrager said that Council is anticipating a very busy year and will be navigating a different landscape as a number of key systemwide positions are filled. It will be the job of the Senate leadership to welcome the new hires and bring them up to speed on issues affecting faculty.

The Vice Chair told members that Regents' meetings take place over three days and that he and the Chair are Faculty Representatives to the Regents. In that role, they primarily listen and provide advice/weigh in as needed. The open session meetings are all streamed live and recorded. The Regents' Special Committee on Innovation, Transfer and Entrepreneurship is trying to implement a set of recommendations regarding creation of a patent tracking system. This system is intended to allow the campuses to retain local control over much of the patent workspace while having OP manage elements that are best handled centrally. This same committee is also trying to imagine how to track innovation and success at UC. President Drake shared his priority goals with the Regents. They are: expanding opportunity and excellence; leading on climate change; strengthening an inclusive, respectful, and safe university community; and promoting health across California, including its most vulnerable communities.

Vice Chair Steintrager told the group that Council had accepted the final report of the administration/Senate workgroup of the review of Master's degree programs and expressed its gratitude to those who had participated. The workgroup report will be posted on the Senate website. In a similar vein, results of the spring 2022 faculty survey will be posted on the Senate website. It revealed that faculty and students are exhausted post-Covid and that most faculty agree that remote teaching is less effective than in-person instruction. The report will be issued with several recommendations. The Senate has been working with Provost Brown to initiate two work groups. The first was to be a work group on models of support for graduate students, including financial mentoring diversity and career guidance concerns. However, there was a recent report from 2019 that covered much of the same ground. The conversation will be brought to the Academic Planning Council for further discussion. The second joint work group will focus on pandemic recovery for the faculty and the missions of research, mentoring, instruction, and service. The Senate leadership is concerned that there is disagreement between the faculty and many in the administration of how best to recover a balance to comprehensive UC excellence. The Senate feels that there should be expectations and principles surrounding staff and institutional support systems, including expectations regarding on-campus presence for student-facing needs.

The Senate was asked by Regent Pérez, who was the chair of the Regent's Health Service Health Sciences Committee, to present an item at their next meeting with faculty experts in women's reproductive health and transgender health care. The goal is to provide expert consultation to the Committee on matters of UC quality health care and the training of health care professionals at affiliated hospitals.

The committee had questions for the Vice Chair and there was discussion.

## VIII. New Program Proposals

- A. Proposal for a PhD in Astronomy on the Riverside Campus  
**Action Taken: Michael Scheibner was assigned as Lead Reviewer.**

- B. Proposal for an MS in Computational Data Science on the Riverside Campus  
*Lead Reviewer: Candace Yano*

The Lead Reviewer is waiting on one review. The reviews received thus far are positive, but there are some specific concerns about the need for an ethics course. The proposers have been very cooperative and are working on modifications. The reviewers had some additional suggestions.

- C. Proposal to Convert the Master of Legal Studies from In-Person to Hybrid on the Los Angeles Campus [SSGPDP]  
*Lead Reviewer: Andrew Fisher*

The Lead Reviewer noted that this program was launched in the fall of 2020. It was intended to provide a level of training and a credential in legal-adjacent fields. After Covid, the campus came to realize that it could offer the program in a completely remote modality. The primary finding of the review is that there needs to be some clarification of the program or the terminology. There is a bit of a dissonance between the concept of a hybrid program and what is being proposed; it is not truly hybrid. Some students would be 100 percent in-person, some would be 100 percent remote, and some would be hybrid.  
. The reviews are detailed and thoughtful, and are largely positive. CCGA is waiting on the review from UCPB before it calls for a vote.

- D. Proposal for a College of Data Science and Society on the Berkeley Campus  
**Action Taken: Andrei Goga was assigned as Lead Reviewer.**
- E. Proposal for a Master of Computational Social Sciences on the Berkeley Campus [SSGPDP]  
**Action Taken: Jeffrey Schank was assigned as Lead Reviewer.**
- F. Pre-Proposal for a School of Population and Public Health on the Irvine Campus  
**Action Taken: Dean Tantillo was assigned as Lead Reviewer.**
- G. Proposal for a MA in Geographic Information Systems, Spatial Technologies, Applications, and Research on the Santa Cruz Campus  
**Action Taken: Jennifer Smith was assigned as Lead Reviewer.**
- H. Master of Data Science in Health on the Los Angeles Campus [SSGPDP]  
**Action Taken: Frithjof Kruggel was assigned as Lead Reviewer.**
- I. INFORMAL/INFORMATIONAL REVIEW: Pre-Proposal for the Gallo School of Management on the Merced Campus  
**Action Taken: Andrew Fisher was assigned as Lead Reviewer.**
- J. Master of Advanced Study in Engineering on the Berkeley Campus [SSGPDP]  
**Action Taken: Michelle O'Malley was assigned as Lead Reviewer.**

- K. Pre-Proposal for a School of Computing Information and Data Science on the San Diego Campus

**Action Taken:** *Paul Macey was assigned as Lead Reviewer.*

**IX. Transfers, Name Changes, Consolidations, and Discontinuances**

- A. Proposal to Transfer the Masters of Urban Design Degree Program from the Graduate Division into the College of Environmental Design and to Disestablish the Graduate Group in Urban Design on the Berkeley Campus

**Action Taken:** *The proposal was approved: 11-0-1*

**X. For Systemwide Review**

- A. Presidential Policy on Abusive Conduct in the Workplace (Second Review)  
The committee determined that it did not have enough time to craft a response.
- B. Presidential Policy on Vaccination Programs  
The committee will discuss this in November.

**XI. MRU Reviews with UCORP (The University Committee on Research Policy)**

- A. Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS) (UCB/UCD/UCI/UCLA)  
**Action Taken:** *Frithjof Kruggel was assigned as the UCORP liaison.*
- B. UC Institute for Mexico and the United States (UC MEXUS) (UCR)  
**Action Taken:** *Tanya Nieri was assigned as the UCORP liaison.*

**XII. New Business**

The committee discussed the issue of the distribution of information. Analyst Harms was asked to raise the issue of a systemwide newsletter with the Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Minutes taken by Fredye Harms, Committee Analyst  
Attest, Erith Jaffe-Berg, Committee Chair