

**Minutes of Meeting**  
Wednesday, November 2, 2016

**I. Consent Calendar**

A. Approval of the Agenda and Approval of the Minutes of October 2016

***Action Taken:*** *The agenda and minutes were approved as noticed.*

**II. Chair's Report - Chair Kwai Ng**

In the 1950s and 60s, graduate students comprised 30 percent of the University's total enrollments; today, they make up 15 percent of the UC student population. Last year the President asked for funding to enroll 600 more graduate students, and that was turned down by the governor. She is going to try again this year, maybe for funding for up to 900. The Chair remarked that the largely-unfunded increase in undergraduates places a lot of strain and stress on campuses. Increased numbers of graduate students help with teaching and also improve the standing of UC as a research university.

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

This is the Vice Chair's first report from the CoGD for the year. She reported that the meeting initially featured discussion about undergraduate graduation rates and possible tuition increases (and housing for graduate students and increased money for graduate students. There are very few housing units available systemwide for graduate students. There is definitely a housing crisis. There is even less housing for international students. Graduate student health coverage If graduate students are employed at 75% or more, they are required to be benefitted by the University. A change is anticipated in January 1 to achieve cost savings for UC. The Vice Chair's update was abbreviated to allow time for the International Thinking update.

**IV. International Thinking – Vice President Art Ellis and Raji Jagadeesan (Contractor)**

Vice President Ellis explained that President Napolitano is setting up a couple of "thinking" days: one for innovation thinking and the other for international thinking. In September, the Chancellors met in a two-day retreat to discuss long-term strategic priorities. Several priority areas emerged from the discussions, including the need to strengthen and enhance the University's overall international strategy, including its approach to global competition for faculty, research funding, and students. Ms. Jagadeesan explained that the day might involve the exploration of options for joint degrees with international partners, study abroad, and the internationalization of the campuses. The Vice President commented that concept generated a lot of excitement on the part of the graduate deans.

**V. Consultation with the VP of Research and Graduate Studies – Art Ellis**

The Vice President said that UC is expecting a rebid for the Los Alamos Laboratory and that Lab Vice President Kim Budil would appreciate an opportunity to discuss and this other Lab issues with the committee. Overall, there is a desire to build a stronger connection between the campuses and the labs; the national laboratories have the ability to provide many opportunities for graduate students. All three labs are engaged in issues that go beyond STEM fields, including the social sciences. Vice President Ellis added that Academic Affairs had begun to engage in a strategic planning exercise and that he would welcome CCGA's thoughts on how relationships between the labs and the campuses could play out over a longer time frame and about the possibilities for

collective excellence.

## VI. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership

*Jim Chalfant, Academic Council Chair*

January is the Regents' target for setting the policy regarding non-resident students. January is also the planned timeline for finalizing the budget and there will likely be a "tuition adjustment" at that time. The tradition used to be to settle to whole budget in December. However, the November Regents meeting will have an extended discussion on income assumptions for UCRP. November is also the month when the Regents get the years' evaluation.

The Berkeley and Davis chancellor searches continue; in addition, the news has somewhat prominently highlighted a Regent and some comments he made outside of the University context.

PDST proposals are being held up until a new policy can be decided and put in place. The new policy will not emphasize comparators as much, but will instead place an emphasis on the need for each specific amount of PDST per program. Members discussed the changes to PDST policy, asking questions about the future of proposals already in the pipeline, existing PDST programs, non-resident versus resident students, and financial aid.

The Senate Chair commented on the proposed changes to Bylaw 182 and also to APM 015 and 016, which are out for review.

The Regents continue to voice concern about non-resident admissions and the "compare favorably" clause. Letters of recommendation for freshman applicants are also an area of contention.

Rumors about limits for international student recruitment were acknowledged but the Senate Chair was not able to confirm their validity or provide any detail as to what they might entail.

## VII. Proposals Carried Over from 2015-16

*All program proposals are posted on the [CCGA SharePoint Site](#)*

- A. Proposal to establish a new Masters of Finance Program on the Irvine campus [SSGPDP] –  
*Lead Reviewer Jan DeVries*

The Lead Reviewer explained that Irvine wants to stress that a Masters of Finance is different than a Masters of Financial Engineering. The MOF seems to draw students who have a background in economics and MOFE is math-based. However, he still felt that the campus had not grappled with the specifics of their applicant pool and what that would mean for the program. Both have primarily foreign students who are predominantly from China. He added that Merage School of Business had experience in running similar SSGPDPs and that was an important factor in their favor. He suggested that the proposal be approved, but that CCGA should urge the campus administration to do a review to make sure the program meets its benchmarks.

***Action Taken:*** *The proposal was approved with the additional recommendation of a three-year review conducted by the Divisional GC 10-0-1.*

- B. Proposal to establish a new MS/PhD in Environment and Sustainability on the Los Angeles campus – *Lead Reviewer Michael Dawson*

The Chair said that he had communicated with the Lead Reviewer. All the reviews were in and were positive. The Lead Reviewer said that he had a couple of lingering questions for UCLA, but intended to have his final report ready for the December meeting.

- C. Proposal to establish a new MS/PhD in Conservation of Material Culture on the Los Angeles campus – *Lead Reviewer Dar Roberts*  
The Lead Reviewer explained that this was an extension to an existing program and had a broad range of foci. It has fairly stiff requirements for admission, with plans to admit PhD students alternating odd years.

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

- D. Proposal to establish a new Professional Graduate Degree Program in Nursing Leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice [SSGPDP] on the San Francisco Campus - *Lead Reviewer Mike Coffey*  
One reviewer has been secured for this proposal.

### **VIII. Program Proposals**

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- A. Proposal to establish a new Masters of Science in Business Analytics on the Los Angeles Campus [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer David Min*  
The Lead Reviewer has one UC and one non-UC review locked down two so far. He intends to have a report by the December meeting.
- B. Proposal to establish a new Masters of Business Analytics on the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer Phil Kaminsky*  
The Lead Reviewer is working on securing reviewers.
- C. Proposal to establish a new Masters of Conservation and Restoration Science on the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer Donald Smith*  
The Lead Reviewer has two reviewers secured and some pending. He believes he should have them all within the next week.
- D. Proposal to establish a new MS/PhD in Public Health on the Merced Campus – *Lead Reviewer Onye Arah*  
The Lead Reviewer has secured three UC reviewers and one non-UC and hopes to have reports in by the next meeting.
- E. Proposal to establish the Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing on the Irvine Campus – *Lead Reviewer Karen Duderstadt*  
The Lead Reviewer noted that there is some urgency associated with this proposal because of the donation involved. She has secured one outside reviewer and one internal review. The search for reviewers is more complicated than usual because it is a school proposal; a different level of reviewer needed. Currently, there are three open dean positions within UC and many of the associate deans are new. It is her intention is to give her report in December but needs to ensure she has adequate reviewers responding by that time.
- F. Proposal to establish a graduate program for the MFA degree in Social Documentation on the Santa Cruz campus.  
**Action Taken:** *Ana Peluffo was assigned as Lead Reviewer.*

### **IX. Transfers, Consolidations, Disestablishments, and Discontinuances**

- A. Proposal to Discontinue a Contiguous BS/MA in Psychology on the San Diego Campus.  
This was put forward in 2011 and it fell through the cracks. The campus has approved it and there is no one in the program now.

UCSD Graduate Council Chair gave a brief oral presentation on the proposal. CCGA agreed that the Divisional Graduate Council was fully consulted.

**Action Taken: Approved.**

- B. Proposal to Create a Dual MD/MS-BATS Degree Program on the Irvine Campus  
Currently MD students who want to enroll the MS program need to request a leave of absence from the MS program in order to enroll in the MS-BATS program. Once enrolled, they are expected to complete the entire MS-BATS curriculum, write and defend their thesis in one year. Should a medical student not complete the program in one year, the person is required to take a leave of absence from the MS-BATS program in order to return to medical school. Once their medical school commitment is completed, the student must then finish the remaining requirements of the MS-BATS program in order to obtain the degree. The purpose of the new dual program proposal is to allow for concurrent enrollment.

The Chair had the following two questions to be relayed to the campus:

It is not clear what is going to happen to the original MSBATS program;

Will the concurrent enrollment change the curriculum in any substantive way?

*Action Taken: Clarifications to be sought from UCI*

#### **X. Policies Under Review**

- Proposed Revisions to APM 015 and 016 (comments due November 18)  
The Chair explained that these sections represented technical changes to a series of recommendations on disciplinary actions -. APM 15 changed is worded in a confusing way now; UCOP is changing its wording to clarify it. APM 16: right now according to 016, the administration has to decide whether to bring formal charges within 10 days and that proves to be unrealistic in some cases. UCOP wants to change the timeline to a five working-day deadline to inform a faculty member of allegations and reason for the leave. An additional change allows the President (rather than Regents) to suspend pay. The proposed changes to SBL 336 reflect the findings of the joint committee of the senate and administration. The committee members did not see any reason to oppose changes.
- Draft Presidential Policy on International Activities – Donald Smith (UCSC) lead discussant  
This is an update of original policy from 2005 and is intended to capture all international activities conducted by anyone at UC – faculty, student, and staff. Mr. Smith had some comments and corrections that he discussed. He agreed to write up the committee’s response to be sent to the Senate.
- Proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 182 to expand the charge of that committee into a broader range of international topics and activities. Richard Arneson was assigned as lead discussant.

#### **X. New Business: Discussion Items**

- A. Proposal for a “simple” name change from “Interdisciplinary Energy Studies” to “Energy Systems” at the Davis campus.  
This change does not involve fundamental change in direction or require substantial new resources. CCGA concurred with the change.
- B. At Academic Planning Council the Provost talked about revising the Compendium, There are two areas that she perhaps wanted to review MRU (multi campus research units) and school review (pre-proposal and proposal – that it might not be necessary to do a pre-proposal and a proposal – she might want to change the procedures. This is perhaps a good opportunity for CCGA to comment on how the procedure to waive pre-proposal. ) The Chair said that he wanted the committee to be prepared in case the Provost took it up.

## **XI. Consultation with Vice President Pamela Brown**

### *Student Wellbeing Survey*

The Vice President explained that the Berkeley campus had conducted a student wellbeing survey and UCSA and the graduate assembly expressed an interest in replicating it systemwide. The survey would be a stratified random sample of UC Graduate students that would capture student campus affiliation, ethnicity, discipline, and underrepresentation.

The survey took place February 29-April 29 2016 and sampled over 13,400 (URM and Asian students were oversampled), with a 40 percent response rate.

Nearly three-quarters of graduate students are generally satisfied with life but challenges remain:

- Over one-third reported symptoms of clinical depression
- Nearly one-quarter is dissatisfied with mentorship and advising
- Over two-fifths are not financially confident
- Over one-quarter experienced food insecurity
- Almost one-third is not upbeat about career prospects

African American and Hispanic/Latino students showed less favorable results for advising, financial confidence, and food security when compared to some/all other ethnicities. Students in humanities and social sciences reflected poorer self-reporting in areas such as life satisfaction, food security, and (humanities only) financial confidence. They also showed less favorable results (within certain levels) for depression symptoms and career prospects. On all measures analyzed except advising, LGBTQ students report less favorable results than non-LGBTQ students. International students were the least likely to report depressive symptoms.

Initial recommendations from the survey included the following:

- Continue to expand and promote mental health services and prevention efforts.
- Increase training for advisors and faculty to recognize and respond appropriately to warning signs of distress in graduate students.
- Expand opportunities for graduate students – especially doctoral students – to learn about career opportunities outside academia through information sharing or experiential learning.
- Help students manage finances and promote food security.
- Help empower students to maximize mentoring relationships by employing effective strategies in managing advisee/advisor relationships.

IRAP has presented results to the Council of Graduate Deans and will be discussing what steps they will be taking on their campuses, both to understand how results are being shared and used and whether there is additional support our office can provide to address or better understand the issues raised.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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