COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, November 6, 2019

I.   Approval of the Agenda and Minutes
    <u>*Action Taken:*</u> ***The agenda and minutes were approved as noticed 7-0-0.***

II. Conversation with UCAP Chair John Gilbert

Chair Balasubramaniam said that the graduate deans initiated the idea that mentoring should be considered in evaluations last year. The graduate deans tried to make some changes to APM 210 and then passed that on to UCAP; that committee had a number of comments. UCAP Chair John Gilbert said that there has been a huge improvement to the revisions to APM 210 and that UCAP and CCGA should make a joint proposal.

UCAP read the proposed language last year and discussed it. On the whole it was enormously supportive of the idea. The committee believes that graduate mentoring needs to be rewarded, but they had some comments about the structure of the proposed language. The APM works best when it is describing what the faculty should be given credit for and not being too prescriptive about how to measure it and score it. There was feeling that getting specific works well in some areas but not in others. UCAP would like to make a new draft proposal. UCAP and CCGA are more in agreement than not.

The committee asked questions and discussed the issue. It was agreed that CCGA would re-propose some language and get it to UCAP.

III.   Conversation with the Provost– *Provost Michael Brown*

The Provost was not able to attend in person because he was in Los Angeles for the Presidential Search Committee meeting.

The Chair said that the committee had some concerns about the new "housing" of Graduate Affairs in Student Success. There was a great deal of concern that the research mission of the department would be lost. The Provost responded that the University needed to be more intentional about student success and graduate student outcomes. UC needs to be more intentional about graduate financial support, mental health support, and housing support. He said that most academics know how to engage both graduate and undergraduate issues and their correct prioritization. He said he has not yet settled for the name on the new student success area but that he wants a title that speaks to graduate and undergraduate student success. The head of that unit would be an academic – at least an associate vice provost level.

The committee members asked questions and engaged in discussion with the Provost. The Chair asked if it would be helpful if CCGA and COGD put together some recommendations about how to measure the success of this new role and the Provost answered to the affirmative.

IV. Announcements from Academic Affairs

Emily Rader, Research Strategy and Portfolio Manager
Todd Greenspan, Director of Academic Planning

Pamela Jennings, Executive Director of Graduate Studies
Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst

Ms. Rader said that her department has interviewed the majority of the candidates for the VPRI search. The goal is that within the next two weeks her department will schedule a time for a debrief to discuss who will move to the next stage – probably the middle/end of November. The final candidate selection will hopefully be in January.

Analyst Procello talked about evaluating teaching effectiveness efforts. Last year Robert May started a task force; at the same time that Robert created this taskforce, there was a lot of campus work on this issue.

Mr. Greenspan said that the APC met the previous day and had a discussion about the multi-year framework

Ms. Jennings told the committee that the HBCU faculty grants just came out; the deadline is March 16. The UCHSI deadline is January 24; it has large grants and small grants.

V. Chair's Report - *Chair Ramesh Balasubramaniam*
The Chair voiced an interest that CCGA needed to do work in the year ahead on monitoring SSGPDPs and also the value of standardized testing and the GREs. He said he would like to look at these items before the next APC meeting.

Vice Chair's Report – Vice Chair Amr El Abbadi
The Vice Chair remarked that the COGD is going to meet with the Provost and President at the next meeting.

VI. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership
Mary Gauvain, Academic Council Vice Chair
The Presidential search is ongoing.

Regent's Chair John Perez will be at the next Council meeting and the Council thinking about what kind of questions it wants to ask and what we it wants to bring to his attention. One thing that is pretty clear is that the Regents may not have a good understanding about what is going on in graduate education. If the Senate were to bring forward something about graduate education, it would be good to highlight the different types of graduate education and use language related to the pipeline.

The Regents are meeting next week and there will be a lot of budget items discussed including the pension item. The cohort tuition model will also be discussed.

The Standardized Testing Taskforce is concerned with undergraduate admissions and biases. The Taskforce is hoping to have some recommendations at the end of the academic year. There will be a 90-day campus review once the recommendations are in place.

VII. New Program Proposals
All program proposals are posted to CCGA's SharePoint site

A. Proposal to establish a Master of Presentation Design at the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer Hyle Park*
    The committee is discontinuing this proposal and will accept it as a new proposal when it is ready.

B. Proposal for a Master of Data Science in the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences on the Irvine campus [SSGPDP]
   – *Lead Reviewer LeRoy Westerling*
   The Lead Reviewer sent the comments to the proposers. The committee will try to vote on the proposal between meetings if the campus responds quickly.

C. Proposal to Convert the Existing MA in English to a Master of English on the Irvine campus [SSGPDP]
   - *Lead Reviewer Gina Dent*
   UCSC Representative Donald Smith is working with Dr. Dent to summarize her reviews.

D. Proposal for a PhD in Global Studies in the School of Social Sciences on the Irvine campus.
   - *Lead Reviewer Carlee Arnett*
   <u>**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 9-0-2.**</u>

E. Proposal to establish a Master of Applied Geospatial Information Systems and Technologies (Online) Graduate Program (MAGIST) on the Los Angeles campus [SSGPDP]
   - *Lead Reviewer – Amr El Abbadi*
   <u>**Action Taken:**</u> **The committee was waiting on the report from UCPB. Now that it has arrived, it voted to approve the proposal 10-0-1.**

F. Pre-Proposal to Establish a School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences on the Irvine Campus
   - *Lead Reviewer – Ramesh Balasubramaniam*
   The pre-proposal is very well written with strong campus endorsements. There is a significant amount of money that has been donated. This will be established from an existing department in pharmaceutical sciences.
   <u>**Action Taken: The pre-proposal was approved 10-0-1.**</u>

G. Proposal to establish a Graduate Academic Certificate in Family Caregiving on the Davis campus
   - *Lead Reviewer Andrea Kasko*
   The Lead Reviewer hopes to have reviewers secured by the next meeting.

VIII.   Consultation with UCPB Chair Sean Malloy
   UCPB Chair Malloy said he was surprised at how much time was spent on SSGPDPs the previous year. The committee is concerned about the sheer volume of SSGPDPs it has seen over the past few years. Campuses are increasingly turning to these, and there needs to be a study about how the campuses have come to rely on these. The Chair said that UCB and UCLA can probably sustain these, but he is not sure that the other campuses can handle it if the economy goes down. Chair Balasubramaniam said that CCGA shares a lot of these concerns is equally concerned about their growth and the possibility that they could be becoming parasitic. That said, state-supported programs are not getting more money to function. Mr. Malloy said that the money that is generated by these seems to be going into the dean's office and not being tracked. Also space and student services are not being tracked.

   Mr. Malloy suggested the creation a smaller subgroup with reps from UCPB and CCGA to brainstorm some of these larger issues and report back on ways to tweak the process and think about the big picture and then report back to the committees. Chair Balasubramaniam suggested that the subgroup might write a report that goes to the Council and the Provost.

   Each committee will identify 2-3 people who will form a study subgroup and report back to the committees.

IX. Items for Review
- A. [Proposed Revised Presidential Policy on Copyright Ownership PDF](#)
  Action Taken: *It was determined that CCGA would opine on the proposed policy*

- B. MRU Reviews for 2019-20
  1. Bioengineering Institute of California (https://iem.ucsd.edu/bic/
     Action Taken: *Don Smith was assigned as Lead Reviewer.*

  2. UC Observatories (https://www.ucolick.org/)
     Action Taken: *Linda Cohen was assigned as Lead Reviewer.*

- C. From Donald Smith – There is language in the CCGA Handbook that was added last year to have proposers would meet the UC goals on diversity. What are UC's goals on diversity? There is a Regents' statement on diversity. The Handbook should reference the Regents' statement on diversity.
  Action Taken: *The motion was approved 8-0-0.*

X. Mentoring and APM 210 – Follow-Up Discussion

The committee talked at length about the discussion with the UCAP Chair. The simplest fix would just be to add teaching and mentoring, or the committees provide language without being prescriptive. Chair Balasubramaniam is meeting with UCAP in January and will work with them at that point.

XI. SSGPDPs – Follow-Up Discussion

Andrea Kasko, Ramesh Balasubramaniam, and Erith Jaffe-Berg will join with UCPB representatives to work on the SSGPDP issue.

The Committee adjourned at 4:01.