

## COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

**Minutes of Meeting**

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

- I. Approval of the Agenda and the Minutes of the September 26 meeting.  
**Action Taken:** *The agenda and minutes were approved as noticed.*

II. **Chair's Report** - *Chair Onyebuchi Arah*

From Academic Council:

- There are ongoing discussions about the student transfer guarantee that the President wants to put in place.
- The reorganization of UCOP is still underway. The Senate has been very appreciative of the help it received from the committee.
- There seems to be concern regarding the oversight of ANR.
- There are some changes in survivor benefits for faculty. Faculty should make themselves aware of the changes and take action if needed.
- BOARS and UCEP are looking into issues regarding standardized testing. More updates will follow.
- UCOLASC is undertaking the issue of Open Access and the rates/fees being charged by publishing houses. The Analyst will try to get the UCOLASC chair to come to the next meeting to discuss this issue.
- The President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program has been incredibly successful and has brought some of the finest minds from the world to UC. It has really had a strong impact, and it contributes to UCs diversity pipeline. .

III. **Vice Chair's Report** – *Vice Chair Ramesh Balasubramaniam*

Campuses are concerned about the need for CCGA to get external reviewers for their proposals. Some campuses solicit external reviews on their own and there is some feeling that CCGA is duplicating the effort and slowing down the process. The graduate deans feel that CCGA's review is helpful and adds value. This was discussed at length by the committee. The Chair stressed that CCGA does provide value and is focused on building strong proposals, not in denying them.

Professor Zatz said that the graduate deans are thrilled that the Provost is embarking upon a UCHSI initiative. A pilot program is being developed and the funds are going to be split evenly across the 10 institutions. The goal is to increase the number of students coming from HSIs and to increase the diversity of the pipeline. Members have noted that UC has lost URM students because they are not comfortable on the campuses; there is not "critical mass." This also is related to faculty retention and how well the University supports underrepresented staff and faculty.

The President has said that she wants to increase the number of graduate students. There is a need for an analysis of the financial support for graduate education. She is also very interested in diversifying the professorialship.

#### **IV. Announcements from Academic Affairs**

*Art Ellis, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies*

*Todd Greenspan, Director of Academic Planning*

*Pamela Jennings, Executive Director of Graduate Studies*

*Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst*

VP Ellis said that there have been discussions about moving from single advisors to teams of advisors; some departments currently do this. His office is trying to determine the impact these different modes might have on the students.

Director Greenspan stated that OP has asked the campuses for four-year plans for funding rather than just one year at a time. Campuses are indicating they would like to grow 6500 grad students over four years. Twenty-one hundred of these will be in SSGPDPs programs, 900 will be in PDST programs, and 3500 are graduate academic programs. The budget to the Regents is asking for 1000 FTE to support this growth.

Analyst Procello told the committee that he will be reporting to APC on the Five Year Planning Perspectives. The program planning pipelines are returning to pre-great-recession levels. During this period (2011 to present), growth has not been even among the campuses and some areas are dominating. SSGPDPs and state-supported programs are at parity.

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

*Robert May, Academic Council Chair*

*Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Academic Council Vice Chair*

Academic Council Chair May told the committee that the Senate has been asked by the President to look at standardized testing. GRE value is an issue that departments make on the campuses, and some are turning away from them. If UC decides to do away with the SAT it would have an incredible impact on the national educational scene. There are two areas – professional graduate student testing and undergraduate SAT testing. Grad admissions lies with the departments and undergrad is with the University. Executive Director Jennings voiced the hope that CCGA would look at the GRE; there is evidence that the exam disadvantages some groups and advantages others. It also been proven to not be a good indicator of student success. Chair May said that it would be useful for the committee to get a sense of methods of evaluation in different disciplines.

Chair May stated that most of the members likely had heard something about the represented Librarians and academic freedom. The librarian union has said they will not accept APM 010 and 015 as a prerequisite for academic freedom. He said that the issue not bargainable. Unit 18 Lecturers have it, but they have accepted 010 and 015. He went on to say that the Librarians have the strong support of the Senate, but have rejected 010 and 015 at the bargaining table. The union is trying to portray the University and the Senate as being against the Librarians. This is a really important issue for the Senate. The University Librarians released a statement absolutely supporting the Senate's view.

Chair May told the committee that there is not a big threat to retiree health at the moment. For current employees, there has been a very small increases in cost for Kaiser and the Blue and Gold Plan, but a large increase for UC Care; there is lot of concern about this. There is a worry that UC Care will enter the “death spiral” where healthy people will drop out of the higher premium program and cause costs to increase further. The HCTF is closely monitoring the open enrollment data. Separately, the University has changed the description of “domestic partner.” There is now only one definition of domestic partnership, regardless of age or gender. The Senate is responsible for this change. UCAP and UCFW are looking Stop the Clock; it is meant to enhance careers, not be a detriment.

The University is putting together a plan for multi-year budgeting. The Senate strongly supports this, and feels it is very sensible and helps the campuses plan.

- SSGPDP Concerns

*Guest: Glen Mimura, UCI Faculty Member*

The Academic Senate Chair has asked CCGA to be a lead committee on the review of the SSGPDP programs, along with UCPB and UCAP. This is not a review of particular programs. It is attempt to see – as a whole – if SSGPDPs have worked well and lived up to their revenue goals. Also, the Regents are very concerned about diversity, and it is unclear if SSGPDPs are working to address diversity goals in their programs.

Professor Mimura is from UCI, a campus that has a considerable number of SSGPDPs. He said that UCI has been looking at self-supported programs fairly routinely in Graduate Council they have determined that the impact of these programs on the campus is much greater than anticipated. They possibly are having an impact on undergraduate as well as graduate programs. Self-supporting students are on the campus along with regular students, competing for classroom space, impacting parking, and using campus facilities. If three or four units are able to front SSGPDP programs and hire 40 faculty, a significant impact is made on the campus that is not accounted for in academic planning. Engineering and ITS programs in particular are competing with the SSGPDPs. There is a big promise of money, but there has not always been attention to the impact of these programs. Students in the program see themselves as “regular” students – they don’t see themselves as being in a special class – but they do not have access to services that traditional students have. They became a second class citizens within the campus.

Former Chair Duderstadt echoed what Professor Mimura said. She emphasized that the University is missing is a strategic plan for SSGPDPs. There should be a strong effort this year to develop strategic planning for these programs. There is concern that UC is establishing a private university within a public university.

Chair May asked that the committee work assiduously with the other committees to make recommendations regarding the proliferation of SSGPDPs on the campuses.

## **VI. New Program Proposals**

### **A. Proposal to establish an MA in Global Health on the San Diego Campus**

*– Lead Reviewer Glen Mimura*

This is a program that was reviewed over the summer; consequently, it took some time to get letters of review. The Lead Reviewer has written the proposers several times with the reviewer feedback and has not received a response. Reviewers were split on the proposal: one was positive, one was negative, and two were in the middle. Concerns centered around faculty workload, the professional track, curriculum, and how the program is presenting itself. A response is needed from the campus – they have not responded for a month, despite three emails from the Lead Reviewer. The UCSD representative will reach out to the proposers to find out why they are not responding.

### **B. Proposal to establish an MS/PhD in Communication on the Los Angeles Campus**

*– Lead Reviewer Shahrokh Yadegari*

The Lead Reviewer noted that there are other similar programs within UC, but not many. He experienced great difficulty finding internal reviewers. All the reviews were positive, with some concern about the faculty load.

**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 8-0-1.**

- C. Proposal to establish a Master of Bioprocess Engineering on the Berkeley Campus [SSGPDP]  
– *Lead Reviewer Teamrat Ghezzehi*  
The Lead Reviewer was not present.
- D. Proposal to establish a MS in Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology on the Santa Cruz Campus  
– *Lead Reviewer Dyche Mullins*  
Reviewers were largely in support of the program, but a recommendation was made to address the GRE requirement.  
**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 8-0-1.**
- E. Proposal to establish an MS in Biostatistics on the San Diego Campus  
– *Lead Reviewer Karen Duderstadt*  
The Lead Reviewer remarked that the proposal was very well put together and that it had been thoroughly vetted on the campus. Overall, reviewers felt the proposal was very strong and were impressed by faculty that will be participating.  
**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 8-0-1.**
- F. Proposal to establish an Interdepartmental Program in Biophysics for the MA/PhD degrees on the Riverside Campus - *Lead Reviewer Carlson Arnett*  
The Lead Reviewer has secured four reviewers.
- G. Proposal to establish a Masters in Supply Chain and Logistics Management on the Riverside Campus [SSGPDP] - *Lead Reviewer Leroy Westerling*  
The Lead Reviewer is working on securing reviewers.
- H. Proposal to establish a joint Entomology BS/MS Five-Year Combined Degree program on the Riverside Campus - *Lead Reviewer Caroline Streeter*  
The Lead Reviewer is awaiting responses from the reviewers.
- I. Proposal to establish a MS/PhD in Management of Complex Systems at the Merced Campus  
– *Lead Reviewer Onyebuchi Arah*  
The Lead Reviewer had trouble finding reviewers, and went through a dozen people trying to secure them. He eventually got three reviewers and the responses from the proposers were adequate.  
**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 7-0-2.**
- J. Proposal to establish a MFA in Environmental Art and Social Practice at the Santa Cruz Campus  
– *Lead Reviewer Nancy Peluso*  
The Lead Reviewer is working on getting reviewers.
- K. Proposal to establish a Master of Engineering at the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP]  
– *Lead Reviewer Lynn Russell* –  
The Lead Reviewer has approached approximately 12 reviewers and has not yet had one accept.
- L. Proposal to establish a Master of Presentation Design at the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP]  
– *Lead Reviewer Hyle Park*  
The Lead Reviewer was not present.

- M. Proposal to establish a PhD in Language Science at the Irvine Campus  
– *Lead Reviewer Gina Dent*  
The Lead Reviewer was not present.
- N. Proposal to establish an MS in Natural Language Processing at the Santa Cruz Campus  
– *Lead Reviewer Amr El Abbadi*  
The Lead Reviewer has secured four reviewers.
- O. Proposal to establish an Online MBA Program on the Davis Campus [SSGPDP]  
– *Lead Reviewer Priya Ranjan*  
The Lead Reviewer has one external reviewer and one internal reviewer.
- P. Proposal to establish a Flexible Master of Social Welfare at the Berkeley Campus [SSGPSP]  
**Action Taken: Ramesh Balasubramaniam was assigned as the Lead Reviewer.**
- Q. For Committee Discussion: Change to existing UCI Master of Embedded and Cyber-Physical Systems [SSGPDP]  
The Analyst will ask for the materials the UCI Grad Council used in their review of the proposal.

## VII. Transfers, Consolidations, Discontinuances, and Discontinuances

- A. Proposal for a “Simple” Name change from Master of Architecture to Master of Advanced Architectural Design at the Berkeley Campus.  
**Action Taken: The simple name change was approved 7-0-0.**

## VIII. MRU Reviews

- A. University of California Humanities Research Institute (UCHRI)  
**Action Taken: Gina Dent was assigned as Lead Reviewer.**
- B. Institute for Nuclear and Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology (INPAC)  
**Action Taken: Ramesh Balasubramaniam was assigned as Lead Reviewer.**

## IX. For Committee Review and Discussion

- A. Training for Teaching Assistants and Graduate Student Instructors [from UCEP]  
*Guest: Anne Zanzucchi, UCEP Chair*

Ms. Zanzucchi stated that training for TAs and graduate student instructors is highly variable between the campuses. UCEP asked the campuses about best practices and what kind of support is offered to get a sense of what takes place systemwide. They found areas of support that are missing, and brought those forward to Academic Council. The suggested improvements will be discussed at APC tomorrow. One student member added that - as a woman of color - she has students come to her with emotional issues; training around those topics would be very helpful. It was agreed that having some overarching training approach would help everyone.

- B. Proposed Revised Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment  
It has been reported that TAs are concerned about being responsible as “reporters” for sexual violence and sexual harassment. There is concern that this might have the effect of discouraging undergraduates from talking to their advisors. There are other offices where students go that that

do not need to report. Another concern is that the language in the policy is vague. Also, when there is a settlement case, the wording allows for the University to settle with the professor and not inform the injured parties; there is feeling that the injured party should know. Comments should be forwarded to the Chair by November 23.

- C. Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Protection of Administrative Records Containing Personally Identifiable Information  
Comments should be forwarded to the Chair by November 23.
- D. Declaration of Principles (Open Access) Document [from UCOLASC]  
The Analyst will invite the UCOLASC chair to the next meeting to discuss this topic
- E. Medical Abortion at UC Student Health Centers and the UC SHIP Insurance Plan [from HCTF]  
There was a bill that was put in front of the governor on this issue that was vetoed. The governor said that there was enough support in the areas surrounding the campuses – Reproductive health issues are complicated and time-sensitive issues. This topic will be discussed more fully at the December meeting.

#### **X. Updates from the Campuses**

Members shared upcoming program proposals and other items of campus concern/interest.

The meeting adjourned at 3:59.

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