

## COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

**Minutes of Meeting**

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

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

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

**II. Chair's Report - Chair Karen Duderstadt**

Academic Planning Council Meeting:

The Chair discussed recent news at UCOP, including reports of PEO (President's Executive Office) staff interfering with the State audit survey.

Academic Senate's Proposal:

The Academic Senate conveyed a letter to the President about finding \$15M to fund an additional 1500 undergraduate resident students. The memo had three key points:

1. Budget decisions should prioritize the preservation of academic systemwide programs and services based on their contributions to the core teaching, research, and public service missions of the University (prioritized in that order);
2. Budget decisions should prioritize the preservation of systemwide academic programs and services that support multiple UC campuses, no matter where the programs are located;
3. Proposals for cuts to centrally-funded academic programs and services should be subject to review by the Academic Senate.

CoGD meeting:

President Napolitano attended the CoGD meeting and was "on message" about DACA. The case brought by UC will come up on Jan 20. Five hundred more graduate students will be impacted in the coming year by the changes brought about by President Trump; this will have a huge impact on California in general and on the economy of California in particular. There are approximately 4000 undocumented undergrad students and 150 undocumented graduate students currently enrolled across the UC campuses.

**III. Telephone Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership**

*Academic Council Vice Chair Robert May*

The Vice Chair discussed the fallout from the state audit. The new audit results were released last April and claimed to find a "hidden" fund of \$174M. There has been an assertion made that the President's Executive Office interfered with the State audit. At some point a whistleblower contacted the auditor stating that the University should be accountable. Justice Moreno issued one report on the actions (public) and the whistleblower findings, which were not public. A five-hour special Regents' meeting was held, and the President was reprimanded for the actions of her staff. The President then apologized to the Regents and the Academic Council. There is some concern as to how this situation will affect the University's already-strained relationship with Sacramento. The budget presentation to Sacramento has been postponed until January.

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

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

*Todd Greenspan, Director of Academic Planning*

*Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst*

Vice President Ellis said that Provost Brown would like to focus on graduate education and promote it. In addition, the University's sesquicentennial is next year, which gives UC an opportunity to highlight its value and accomplishments to the public and to the legislature. The UCDC lobby has been working hard to reverse the bill proposing taxation on the tuition waivers. Some of the representatives had not really considered the fallout for students and their future.

Director Greenspan discussed graduate enrollment, which increased by about 1,248 systemwide. PhD candidates grew by 568 overall. Graduate professional student enrollment went up about 460 and 262 on health sciences campuses. These figures do not include SSGPDP enrollments.

#### **V. Vice Chair's Report – Vice Chair Onyebuchi Arah**

The Vice Chair discussed the Academic Computing and Communication Committee meeting that he attended. Featured were talks about the annual report on information technology and how it was framed from the experience at the UCLA campus. Calls were made for engagement on high-level issues and specific tools, such as UCPATH.

#### **VI. SSPGDP Report**

Chair Duderstadt initiated a discussion regarding CCGA's role in oversight of the SSPGDP and surveyed members about the three to five-year review process of SSPs across the campuses. There are inconsistencies across the campuses in the review process and the schedule for the reviews to be conducted. There are SSGPDPs that date to 1971, but the proliferation of SSPs has occurred since 2011. UCI has the largest number of SSPs of all of the campuses. UCSC, UCSB, and UCM currently do not have any SSPs.

Chair Duderstadt asked members for input regarding standardizing the criteria for campus review of SSPs. The current report on SSPs was discussed and consideration of which programs should be considered for review. There are 10 SSGPDPs that are now inactive. Perhaps CCGA could consider reviewing them for a pattern that could be helpful in advising campuses on SSP proposals.

*Action:* Chair Duderstadt will prepare a draft of SSGPDP criteria for review prior to the January meeting.

#### **VII. Proposals Carried Over from 2016-17**

- A. Proposal for UCI Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program– *Lead Reviewer Karen Duderstadt*  
The development of this proposal started about seven years ago when four campuses tried to create a four campus School of Nursing on-line DNP program. This was a very difficult and cumbersome undertaking. In the process, the campuses were not able to complete the campus Graduate Council approval process for the four-campus program. The Schools of Nursing have proceeded to develop separate DNP proposals. UCI DNP program proposal has two tracks—a BS to DNP and MS to DNP. The BS to DNP will be the first BS to doctorate program in the Schools of Nursing. Four qualified nursing faculty reviewed the proposal as well as UCPB; and the reviews were supportive with some suggestions for revising the program administration. The program was provisionally approved pending the response from

the proposers and full approval is expected at the January meeting.

### **VIII. New Program Proposals**

- A. Proposal for a DNP on the Los Angeles Campus – *Lead Reviewer Karen Duderstadt*  
This proposal will be discussed in January.
- B. Proposal for a MS in Coastal Science and Policy on the Santa Cruz Campus  
– *Lead Reviewer Teamrat Ghezzehei*  
The Lead Reviewer reported that it was challenging to find willing reviewers. He contacted 12 and finally got two UC reviewers and one possible external reviewer.
- C. Proposal for a Masters of Software Engineering on the Irvine Campus [SSGPDP]  
– *Lead Reviewer Shahrokh Yadegari*  
This Lead Reviewer also reported trouble getting reviewers. Four have finally agreed; he has received two reviews and hopes to have the other two by the end of the month. One review that came in was complimentary and the second raised a number of issues, but was still largely positive.
- D. Proposal for a MS in Serious Games on the Santa Cruz Campus {PDST}  
– *Lead Reviewer Hyle Park*  
Two reviewers have been secured with a possible two more pending.
- E. Proposal for a MS/PhD in Statistical Sciences on the Santa Cruz Campus  
– *Lead Reviewer Jon Wilkening*  
Three reviewers have confirmed: two from UC and one external. The Lead Reviewer is looking for one more external reviewer.

### **IX. SB 201 Taxation of Graduate Students.**

The committee agreed to draft and send a letter to the Senate to advocate for revision of the proposed bill.

***Action Taken:*** *Chair Duderstadt will draft the letter and circulate to members for approval prior to submission to the Chair of the Academic Senate.*

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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Attest: Karen Duderstadt, Committee Chair