

**COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS
MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 6, 2013**

Present: Ruth Mulnard (Chair), Donald Mastronarde (Vice Chair), Divyakant Agrawal (UCSB), Jutta Heckhausen (UCI), Ari Kelman (UCD), Kwai Ng (UCSD), Martin Olsson (UCB), Bruce Schumm (UCSC), Youngho Seo (UCSF), Michael Vanderwood (UCR), Matthew Gorlick (Student Representative-UCLA), Charles Saenz (Student Representative-UCSD), Robert Powell (Council Chair), William Jacob (Council Vice Chair), Eric Zarate (Analyst), Consultants Hilary Baxter and Pamela Jennings. Guests Todd Giedt and Tyrus Miller.

I. Chair's Report/Announcement/Updates

- February 22 UCOP Budget Call Meeting
Vice Chair Donald Mastronarde explained that the University is studying its liquidity situation. UC PATH is moving forward, but the start has been delayed and the end date has been moved forward so implementation will be shorter than originally planned. UC is still working on the final agreement for composite benefit rates, but the situation is looking more promising. PDST is on hold until the July Regents meeting, and USHIP and GSHIP costs are going to increase.
- February 27 Academic Council Meeting
Chair Ruth Mulnard briefed members that President Yudof attended the February Council meeting in the morning to discuss academic efficiency. He also acknowledged that the Regents have little understanding or appreciation for what faculty actually do; increasing the teaching load of all ladder-rank faculty by one additional course has been mentioned by Governor Brown. President Yudof feels that the faculty need to be very creative about what they are going to offer and that their efforts need to show movement and sensitivity on this topic. He implored the faculty to think about how they can approach the Governor and the Regents in a responsive manner. Time-to-degree needs to be watched closely as well. President Yudof also addressed faculty compensation, noting that while the budget may allow for a faculty salary increase, such an increase would be untenable in the current political climate.

The Provost has come to recognize the connection and the overlap between the PDST Task Force and the APC's work on the SSP policy. The Council touched briefly on the SSP policy and agreed that the primary issue is not the new SSP programs but the programs proposing to convert from state-supported to self-supporting. The potential risk of writing an SSP policy that encourages a proliferation of SSPs without taking into account the global perspective and UC's mission was also discussed.

The Council also discussed the negotiated salary plan, which has a July 1 start date, and noted that UCI, UCLA, and UCSD will participate in this pilot program; as of now, the plan might be ready for a July 1 start date.

- February 28 Academic Planning Council Meeting
Chair Mulnard explained that the APC spent over five hours on the SSP policy revisions. She remarked to the APC that the University seemed, in some ways, to be moving in completely opposite directions: in the PDST policy revision criteria and definitions are being added, and in the SSP policy revision, definitions and criteria are becoming more vague. Chair Mulnard reported that Provost Dorr stated that the SSP policy revisions did not seem to be moving in a favorable direction for the Anderson School proposal. Chair Mulnard was also asked what CCGA's opinion would be if the Anderson School's proposal came back, to which she remarked that if nothing had changed from the last year, the committee would not accept it.

Also reported was the statement from Provost Dorr that there is continued pressure from the dean of the Anderson School.

II. Consent Calendar

ACTION: The agenda and February minutes were approved; Committee Analyst Zarate will have the backlog of minutes done in the near future.

III. Proposed Graduate Degrees and Programs for review

A. Proposal to Establish a Graduate Program Leading to the Ph.D. in Public Health at UC Irvine

Vice Chair Mastronarde reported that he had just obtained agreement from the last of four reviewers, and the first review had just arrived. He hopes that the rest will be submitted before the May meeting.

B. Proposal to Establish a Program of Graduate Studies in Pursuit of the Degree of Master of Technology (MTM) at UC Santa Barbara

Professor Heckhausen remarked that she had five reviews, but she thought a few items still needed further explanation. Members agreed to wait for a formal response from the program proposers.

ACTION: Members will vote on the MTM proposal over email.

C. Proposal for a Graduate Program Leading to the MS Degree in Games and Playable Media at UC Santa Cruz

Professor Shumm remarked that he needed more information regarding the administrative structure of the unit and more evidence of its connection to industry. He added that he is impressed with the proposal and the rapid response of the team; however, he wanted additional concrete responses from the proposers.

D. Proposal for a Graduate Program leading to the M.A. and Ph.D. Degrees in Political Science at the University of California, Merced

ACTION: Professor Ng from UCSD agreed to lead this review.

E. A Proposal for a Program of Graduate Studies in the Interdisciplinary Humanities for the M.A. and Ph.D. Degrees at the University of California, Merced

ACTION: Professor Schumm from UCSC agreed to lead this review.

F. Proposal for a Graduate Program leading to the Master of Information and Data Science (MIDS) at the University of California, Berkeley

ACTION: Professor Agrawal from UCSB agreed to lead this review.

IV. Announcements from the President's Office

REPORT: Director of Graduate Studies Pamela Jennings reported that the childcare reimbursement benefit will be extended to GSRs at all campuses; GSIs already have this benefit. SB 259, which would allow for the unionization of GSRs, has been reintroduced. She also briefed members that the Graduate Deans are concerned about how UC PATH will affect the hiring of graduate students. The Graduate Deans also agreed to undertake a graduate placement survey on all of the campuses. UCOP is also exploring the idea of doing a systemwide graduate alumni survey.

V. Updates/Inquiries from the Divisional Senates

A. UC Irvine: Graduate Learning Program Outcomes

Professor Heckhausen remarked that UCI initiated program learning outcomes for its graduate programs in the context of the WASC review. The process was elaborate, and required considerable faculty time for implementation. She noted that since WASC requires a review for each of the campuses; it would be helpful to exchange ideas on benefits to this process and well as potential impacts (e.g., excessive cost).

B. UC Berkeley: On-line Course Approvals at Berkeley

Professor Olsson shared with the committee a document on the Berkeley Graduate Council website regarding online degrees. He noted that it is unclear how to determine the point at course is “online” since many will have online components; also guidelines surrounding online programs and courses need to be flexible. Chair Mulnard thanked him for sharing the document and observed that it will be helpful to committee members.

C. UC Riverside: Campus and UC policies that prevent the awarding a second Ph.D. to students who already have a Ph.D.

Professor Vanderwood asked if there is a UC policy against awarding a second Ph.D. He explained that the Deans on his campus believed that most campuses do not allow second degrees. One member observed that the practice varied from campus to campus; some prohibit it outright, and some allow petition for the second degree. Professor Vanderwood was encouraged to investigate the local bylaws under which his campus functions, for confirmation of the practice at UCR.

VI. Consultation with the Senate Leadership

REPORT: Council Chair Powell asked if any committee members were interested in joining the Intersegmental Oversight Committee mandated by SB 1052 and 1053, enacted last year to select lower-division online textbooks for free (or at low-cost) for students; he observed that a faculty member from the STEM area would be ideal. Chair Powell remarked that he and the vice chair spent nearly three hours with Governor Brown, who wants each faculty member to teach another course. Chair Powell noted that, due to existing over enrollments at each campus, UC faculty will already be teaching about eight percent more credit hours in the years ahead, and that for the past two years UC has seen a net decrease in faculty, with fewer new hires than separations systemwide. In addition, about 40 percent of the faculty members are 55 years of age or older. Contributions to UCRP will go up on July 1. The systemwide search for the University’s next President is moving forward with valuable input and participation from the Senate Academic Advisory Committee, composed of distinguished faculty from each campus. Chair Powell reflected on the \$10M of the University’s budget that has been allocated for online courses in the Governor’s budget. This is not new money, and it may not survive the May budget revise and/or the legislative budget process. He remarked that if the funds materialize, in concept they should enable faculty to develop courses, get instructional designers, develop a registration system, etc.

VII. Planned March 11 UCORP Meeting in Sacramento

Vice Chair Mastronarde and former CCGA Chair Rachael Goodhue will attend this meeting.

VIII. SSP Policy Revision

Chair Mulnard remarked that the Provost is asking CCGA for input to the SSP conversion process, including what kind of review is appropriate for proposals to convert from a state-supported program to self-supporting status and the impact on faculty. Committee discussion focused on the need to look not only at existing programs, but also at other campuses that might have similar programs. It was generally agreed that unless a program is making very significant change, conversion was not justified. Programs

that propose conversion would need to address questions regarding accessibility and financial aid. Chair Mulnard noted that if a program is to be self-sufficient in three years, and it is not, then the local campus would need a plan to help it survive or allow it to close. The draft policy seems to allow a new SSP that doesn't succeed to revert to a state-supported program. Chair Mulnard stressed that the University still needs an exit plan for such conversions. SSPs are designed to make money while meeting certain instructional needs; not to lose money or only break even. She also suggested that SSP proposals should perhaps undergo a streamlined program review process. Chair Mulnard agreed to produce a recommendation document from this CCGA discussion that will be shared with the APC to further its discussion on conversions.

IX. Proposed State Legislation AB 609 and AB 1348

A. AB 609 (Nestande): Public Access to State-Funded Research

Senate Associate Director Todd Giedt noted that AB 609 would require a state agency that provides funding for direct research to provide free online public access to final peer-reviewed and published manuscripts not later than six months after publication in peer-reviewed journals. He added that the definition of a state agency is not made clear; the Office of the General Council is developing a statement to clarify the item. The site for publication would be the California State Library. This bill would obviously have implications for graduate students.

B. AB 1348 (Perez): CPEC 2.0

The committee discussed this item and decided, in general, that the bill was unlikely to progress, due in part to lack of funds.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Attest: Ruth Mulnard, CCGA Chair
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