

**COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS (CCGA)
ANNUAL REPORT 2004-2005**

TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:

The Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) met a total of nine times during the 2004-2005 academic year. Highlights of the Committee's activities and accomplishments are noted in this report.

Reviews of Proposed Graduate Degree Programs

One of CCGA's primary responsibilities is to review all campus proposals for new graduate degree programs. A total of 18 proposals were forwarded to CCGA for review throughout the academic year. The following table is a summary of actions of these proposals as of August 2005.

Campus	Program Proposed	Date Received	Disposition	Report Link
UCD	Graduate Group/Joint Ph.D. in Criminology	April 2005	In Progress	
UCD	Graduate Group/MAS in Clinical Research	March 2005	In Progress	
UCD	Graduate Group/Ph.D. in Animal Science	December 2004	Approved	Final Report
UCD	Joint Ed.D.	July 2004	Approved	Final Report
UCD	M.S. in Neuroscience	January 2005	Approved	Final Report
UCI	Ph.D. in Culture & Theory	October 2004	Approved	Final Report
UCLA	Masters of Financial Engineering (MFE)	October 2004	Approved	Final Report
UCLA	M.S. in Engineering (On-line)	May 2005	In Progress	
UCLA	Ph.D. in Health Economics	October 2004	Approved	Final Report
UCR	M.A./Ph.D. in Religious Studies	March 2004	Approved	Final Report
UCSB	M.A. in Global & International Studies	February 2005	Approved	Final Report
UCSB	Ph.D. in Media Arts & Technology	March 2005	Approved	Final Report
UCSC	Joint Ed.D.	January 2005	Approved	Final Report
UCSD	M.A.S. in Health Law	June 2005	In Progress	
UCSD	M.F.A. in Writing	June 2005	In Progress	
UCSD	Ph.D. in Human Development	June 2005	In Progress	

Regulation Revision to 600(B)

CCGA drafted modified language for Senate Regulation (SR) 600.B, which prohibited faculty colleagues from bestowing graduate degrees upon each other at their own campuses. Members felt that the regulation may prevent UC faculty from pursuing professional development. The new language allows for UC faculty members to receive advanced degrees at their own campuses provided that they do not have any power or influence over the department or program issuing the degree, or other conflicts of interest. The Academic Assembly passed the amended SR 600(B) at its May 2005 meeting.

Crisis in Graduate Education

Members noted that this crisis is precipitating a decline of the UC from a great international university to one that is more regional in scope, which is becoming unable to attract the best and brightest graduate students for a number of reasons. The committee cited significant declines in the numbers of international graduate students coming to UC. In response, CCGA endorsed the Concurrent Resolution on Graduate Education and advocated for the creation of an International Graduate Student Task Force. While 9/11 and its associated student visa regulation changes have contributed to these declines, members felt that UC's internal financial/student aid policies also play a role. CCGA pointed to the fact that UC's financial offers of aid continue to lag behind that

of other comparable institutions (despite this year's increase to 50% return-to-aid funding). The committee made the following recommendations: (1) Encourage Academic Council to develop strategic planning for graduate funding; and (2) Mitigate the high non-resident tuition (NRT) costs by treating graduate student instructors (GSI's) as residents (from the perspective of tuition) from the second year on.

Applied Professional Doctorates

Members continued to have concerns that applied professional doctorates, which blend clinical and research components (such as the Ed.D., DPT, and AuD), are being elevated to entry-level certification for many professional fields. The key issue is whether degree inflation is a result of an expanding knowledge base in applied fields or an attempt by professional organizations to increase the status of practitioners. CCGA consultants noted that most "degree creep" is being concentrated in the allied health fields such as physical therapy (by 2010 the DPT will be required for entry into the field), audiology (whose professional association will require the Doctorate of Audiology by 2007). Criminology was also mentioned as a possible candidate for doctoral degree creep.

Regarding the Ed.D., CCGA discussed the actual demand and need of such programs, program quality, and joint Ed.D. dissertation committees. CCGA found that the current enrollments of most of the existing UC-CSU joint Ed.D. programs are suffering from lower than anticipated student enrollments. Ed.D. program quality was another major concern of CCGA over the past year. CCGA looked at a report by Dr. Arthur Levine, who found the overall quality of general educational administration programs (as well as those in the field of school leadership) in the United States to be poor. While CCGA did not officially comment on this report, the committee is following this issue with interest. Certain CSU Ed.D. partner institutions also requested changes in the dissertation committee ratios. At UCB, the CSU requested that only one UC faculty member be required to serve on dissertation committees (as is the case with the Davis/Fresno joint Ed.D.). Cal Poly also requested that their 2:2 ratio be changed to 1:3 for the UCSB/Cal Poly joint Ed.D. CCGA declined to shift doctoral committee make-ups in response to these requests.

SB 724

CCGA held substantial discussions regarding SB 724, which would authorize the CSU to independently award professional/clinical doctoral degrees. CCGA felt that this legislation represented a departure from the Master Plan, which gives UC exclusive jurisdiction over doctoral degrees (with the exception that CSU can award joint doctorates).

Review of Other Policies and Issues

During the course of the year, the committee also reviewed and commented on the following issues and proposals:

- Cal ISI's: CCGA commented on the proposed review process for the California Institutes for Science and Innovation (Cal ISI's), which would include the active participation of the Academic Senate. The committee supports the proposed review process and feels that it is quite similar to the traditional MRU review process.
- Academic Senate Resolution on Research Funding Sources: CCGA concerned itself with providing possible means by which objectionable research funding sources might be removed. The committee proposed that administrative units cannot impose involuntary restrictions on funding sources, and that such restrictions should not be imposed, except in the most extraordinary of circumstances. In the case of such circumstances, the Regents would be the body to impose such restrictions. CCGA also noted that units of the university may vote to recommend to the Regents that a funding source be discontinued, or to recommend an action to their faculty.

- Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC): CCGA commented on IGCC’s funding crisis, and was concerned not only about the funding cut (by lab management), but also the jurisdictional and logistical issues that surrounded the action.
- Transfer, Consolidation, or Disestablishment of Schools and Colleges: CCGA reviewed and approved the proposal to reconstitute the UC Davis Division of Biological Sciences to the College of Biological Sciences.
- Miscellaneous: CCGA also commented on the UCAAD Graduate Admission Guiding Principles, the report on the Strategic Directions for Libraries and Scholarly Information, Draft Policy on Course Recordings, and the Graduate Group in Social and Cognitive Sciences at UC Merced.
- Administrative: CCGA received approval to increase the honorarium paid to external reviewers of graduate program proposers to \$250. CCGA also approved the use of systemwide courses, which can be listed in all campus catalogues (after CCGA approval).

MRU Reviews

CCGA commented on four MRU reviews—Sea Grant College (CSG), California Space Institute (Cal Space), Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics (IGPP), and the Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS):

MRU	Description/Comments
CSG	Sea Grant (UCSD/Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO)) supports graduate education by funding trainees to work with marine scientists and engineers. While CCGA praised CSG’s contributions to graduate education, it was concerned with CSG’s funding situation in which approximately 25% of its budget was cut by SIO. CCGA fully endorsed a letter from Vice Provost for Research Coleman to SIO Director Kennel stating that UCOP would begin an UC-wide competition to host CSG if funding was not restored by January 1, 2005.
Cal Space	Cal Space is dedicated to space research. CCGA agreed with the 15-year review, and made the following recommendations: (1) CalSpace should be continued, strengthened, and restructured; (2) A new vision, new goals and plans, and a new role for the management of CalSpace should be developed; and (3) All CalSpace research funds and programs should be open for an UC system-wide competition.
IGPP	IGPP funds research and graduate education in the physics and chemistry of the earth and planets. CCGA agreed with the review committee’s findings, and noted that the relationship between the campuses and the national laboratories, and in particular the mini grant program, contribute significantly to graduate education.
ITS	ITS encompasses the transportation programs of several UC campuses (at Berkeley, Irvine, and Davis). CCGA noted that the ITS-affiliated UC Transportation Center (UCTC) and the California Partners for Advanced Transit and Highways (PATH) have contributed significantly to graduate education. CCGA agreed with the review panel that CALTRANS funding, technology, and the ITS Library remain concerns.

Reviews of Simple Name Changes

CCGA also reviewed and approved five requests for simple name changes of programs, departments, and graduate groups:

Campus	Group/Program	Old Name	New Name
UCD	Graduate Group in Soils & Biochemistry	Soil Science	Soils & Biochemistry
UCD	M.A./Ph.D. in Performance Studies	Dramatic Art	Performance Studies
UCD	Joint Ed.D.	Doctorate in Educational Leadership: Capitol Regional Alliance	Capital Area North Doctorate in Educational Leadership
UCD	M.A. in Communication	Rhetoric & Communication	Communication
UCD	Graduate Group/M.S./Ph.D. in Nutritional Biology	Nutrition	Nutritional Biology

Respectfully submitted:

Quentin Williams, Chair (SC)
Duncan Lindsey, Vice Chair (LA)
Michael Hanemann (B)
Reen Wu (D)
Stephen Ritchie (I)
William McDonald (LA)
Albert R. Stralka (R)

Harvey Sharrer (SB)
Bruce Schumm (SC)
Don Wayne (SD)
Grayson Bill Marshall (SF)
Hannah Aoyagi (graduate student)
Lincong He (graduate student)
Todd Giedt