

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
UCOP, 1111 Franklin Street, Oakland – Room 10325
Telephone: 510-987-9466
<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/>

I. Chair's Report/Announcements – Chair Farid Chehab

- Chair Chehab invited self-introductions from members and guests
- September 30 Academic Council Update
 - The Joint Compendium TF is revising the Compendium and will present a draft to Council in November or December.
 - State Representative Ira Ruskin (D-L.A.) has proposed a joint legislative committee to rewrite the Master Plan.
 - The Gould Commission (UC Commission for the Future) is underway.
 - The September 24 campus walkouts were discussed.
 - Furloughs: President Yudof hopes that furloughs will not be extended for a second year.
 - Interim Provost Larry Pitts will be visiting all the campuses.
 - Vice Provost Dan Greenstein presented UC's future plans for online instruction.
 - The President is considering a proposal for mid-year 2009-10 and 2010-11 increases in undergraduate/graduate student fees.
 - Differential fees by major were discussed by Council.
 - There is a proposal under discussion to move campuses with the quarter system to semesters.
- Chair Chehab provided an update on the PDPE Committee; he is drafting a white paper on policy implications associated with Part-Time Self-Supporting Graduate/Professional Degree Programs that CCGA discussed last year.
- The Joint Graduate Board will likely convene in November; it will consider the JDP proposals that were approved by CCGA last academic year.

II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of the Agenda

ACTION: The agenda was approved as noticed.

III. Overview of Committee Charge, Processes, Member Roles and Responsibilities, and Resources – Chair Farid Chehab and Members

DISCUSSION: Chair Chehab provided an overview of CCGA's charge and program review processes, and with Committee members, discussed individual roles, responsibilities, and resources. Hilary Baxter provided additional background on the role of the Administration (Academic Affairs), CPEC, and WASC in the review of new program proposals.

IV. **Announcements from the President's Office, Academic Affairs**

Pamela Jennings, Director of Graduate Studies

Hilary Baxter, Academic Planning, Programs and Coordination

Todd Greenspan, Director Academic Planning

DISCUSSION:

- Assistant Director Hilary Baxter noted that Academic Planning is looking at ways to automate and provide more timely updates to the campuses on the status of proposals.
- Director of Academic Planning Todd Greenspan provided some background on various workgroups of the Gould Commission of interest to CCGA; the role of UCOP, Academic Planning; its CPEC-liaison role, the Academic Planning Council; and some of the broader UC-wide issues under discussion such as changes to the Academic Calendar.
- Pamela Jennings described her new role as Director of Graduate Studies and fielded questions from members. Chair Chehab noted an historic issue of concern to CCGA is the allocation of graduate student support funds on the campuses.

V. **Roundtable on 1) the Proposed Graduate Student Fee Increases and 2) the Value of Graduate Education and Why Graduate Students are Critical to UC – Chair Chehab**

ISSUE: The Regents are considering a proposal for mid-year student fee increases in 2009-10 followed by additional fee increases in 2010-11. CCGA has championed the need to protect graduate students and Post-docs from the budget cuts. The impending increases in graduate student fees however put graduate students at greater risk for flight and endanger the University's research mission.

DISCUSSION:

- 1) Members discussed issues germane to the discussion of the proposed fee increases and important for the committee to consider in weighing the pros and cons of the fee increases (e.g., dis-incentivizing Post-docs; fewer graduate students, faculty, a smaller UC; vulnerability of grant and departmental-funded graduate students; compromised quality of students; UC's credibility with granting agencies (e.g., NIH) at stake; differential impacts of fee increases on humanities vs. sciences; fewer GSIs. Members also discussed alternative sources of funding to raising graduate fees and the overall funding model: ask medical centers to contribute; tapping indirect costs, taxing grants; GSI fee for courses; fundraising for graduate education and fellowships. The committee also discussed key talking points: the shrinking of graduate education; departure from Master Plan as a consequence of increased fees; over-enrolled at Undergraduate-level suggest non-resident students as potential revenue source. One member suggested that in the future CCGA should request an analysis of proposed fee increases. **The committee voted (9-0-2) to take a stand not to support the proposed graduate student fee increases. In doing so, CCGA members indicated that fee increases ought to be mitigated with new initiatives. The committee discussed the most viable options for the administration to consider implementing.**
- 2) Members also discussed the larger issues associated with the value of graduate students and how CCGA might convey its position in a white paper to Council. Chair Chehab suggested that such papers could promote awareness and provide talking points for the President, Chancellors, and other leaders; engage the President is a discussion on graduate education and how it relates to advocacy for UC. One member suggested that the white paper ought to

- V. (cont.) focus on the intrinsic value of creating new knowledge and the value of graduate education and UC research to the state; economic impact, benefits of research dollars to local/state economies; role of UC Medical Centers; integral role of UC/CSU/CCC to economic recovery (e.g., providing continuing education and training).

ACTION(S):

- 1) **Chair Chehab will submit a letter to Academic Council at their October 21 meeting summarizing the proposed fee discussion and outline CCGA’s recommendations to the Administration on ways to mitigate graduate students fee increases.**
- 2) **The committee also agreed to continue discussion of the issues associated with the value of graduate students and how CCGA might convey its position in a white paper/talking points to Council.**

VI. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership –

Henry Powell, Academic Senate Chair
Martha Winnacker, Executive Director
Todd Giedt, Associate Director & Legislative Analyst

DISCUSSION: Senate leaders provided an overview of the policies, procedures, protocols, 2009-10 Senate priorities, and other generally helpful information for new committee members. Chair Harry Powell discussed some of the challenges inherent to the public discourse related to the budget crisis (e.g., the “Reserves” myth). He also discussed key advocacy points for investing in public higher education and the long-term consequences of not doing so. Chair Chehab asked how to reconcile the centrality of graduate education to the UC research mission delineated in the Master Plan. Members suggested that UC needs to find a way to convey the sense of loss to the voters, e.g., decreased student access to all public higher education segments (235,000 California students turned away this year alone). Chair Powell suggested inviting the LBNL director to a future CCGA meeting.

VII. Reconstitution Proposal for the Anderson Graduate School of Management at UC Riverside – Chair Chehab

ISSUE: In November 2008, CCGA/UCEP/UCPB reviewed the Revised Proposal to Reconstitute the Anderson School of Management (AGSM) at UC Riverside to include an undergraduate component. The Compendium Committees generally supported the proposal and agreed that this measure will benefit the students who are involved in the merging of the undergraduate and graduate programs. While CCGA unanimously endorsed the proposal, UCEP and UCPB expressed major concerns and accordingly requested that if the proposal is ultimately approved by all other reviewing agencies, it only be approved contingent upon the proponents providing additional clarifications. In response to the official notification of approval, UCR has raised objections to language contained in the UCOP letter regarding the approved name for the School of Management. It asks that UCOP withdraw “Anderson School of Management” and instead approve “College of Business” as the name that will go along with the approved reconstitution. If approved, UCR has also requested that it not be required to submit a new proposal for a name change in 2009-10.

DISCUSSION: Chair Chehab updated the committee on the current status and resolution of this item by Academic Council noting that no further CCGA action was needed; a letter from Council dated August 21 resolving the matter was distributed as an addendum.

ACTION: No further CCGA action was taken.

VIII. Consolidation of the Graduate Groups in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BMB) and Cell Developmental Biology (CDB) at UC Davis – Chair Chehab

ISSUE: In June 2009, CCGA considered the UC Davis request and supplemental information provided regarding the consolidation of the Graduate Groups in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BMB) and Cell and Developmental Biology (CDB). While CCGA strongly supports the fusion of BMB and CDB, the Committee ultimately determined that the consolidation as proposed involves significant structural and curricular changes that in effect would create a new program and require formal CCGA review. CCGA requested that the proponents of the consolidated program submit a new program proposal to CCGA in accordance with CCGA's customary review process. UC Davis is appealing CCGA's disapproval of the request and requested that CCGA reconsider its decision.

DISCUSSION: Chair Chehab recounted the sequence of events related to CCGA's review of this proposal. Members discussed the various background documents and weighed-in on whether or not to approve the request. Members carefully reviewed the background materials and revisited salient comments from the preceding CCGA committee (2008-09). As before, the Committee was strongly supportive of the fusion of BMB and CDB. CCGA contemplated the prospect of compelling the combined programs to submit a new program proposal. In this instance, CCGA members surmised that a new proposal would almost certainly be approved unconditionally by the Committee. Thus, in the interest of clearing the way for all involved parties and to help with the implementation timetable, CCGA members were supportive of the proposed consolidation.

ACTION: The Committee voted (10-0-1) to approve the consolidation as proposed.

IX. Proposed Degrees and Programs for Review

A. Proposal for a Ph.D. degree program in Epidemiology and Translational Science at UC San Francisco – Chair Chehab

ACTION: Rachael Goodhue (Davis) was assigned as the Lead Reviewer.

B. Proposal for an M.S. degree program in Dental Hygiene at UC San Francisco – Chair Chehab

ACTION: Steven Nelson (UCLA) was assigned as the Lead Reviewer.

C. Proposal for an M.S. and Ph.D. in Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership at UC Davis – Lead Reviewer Ira Tager (UCB)

REPORT: Prof. Tager reported that he has four reviewers on board; he provided a brief overview of the proposal and shared potential concerns at this point.

D. Proposal for a M.A./Ph.D. degree program in Chicana and Chicano Studies at UCLA – Lead Reviewer Jim Carmody (UCSD)

REPORT: Prof. Carmody gave a brief overview of the proposal; he reported that he has received one external review, confirmed two other reviewers and has a request out for another.

E. Proposal for a joint UC San Diego/SDSU Ph.D. degree program in Engineering Sciences (Bioengineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering and Structural Engineering) – Lead Reviewer Valerie Leppert (UCM)

REPORT: Due to a scheduling conflict, Prof. Leppert was not available to phone-in to the meeting.

X. New Business

XI. Executive Session (members only)

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Attest: Farid Chehab, CCGA Chair
Prepared by: Eric Zárate, Committee Analyst

CCGA 2009-10 Remaining Meeting Schedule:

November 3, 2009 – Room 11326
December 1 2009 – Room 5320
January 5, 2010 – Room 5320
February 2, 2010 – Room 12322
March 2, 2010 – Room 12322
April 6, 2010 – Room 12322
May 4, 2010 – Room 12322
June 1, 2010 – Room 12322