

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2004

I. Chair's Announcements – *Quentin Williams*

Chair Williams welcomed everyone and asked members to introduce themselves. He then gave an overview of CCGA's charge and logistics. He also described the issues that CCGA will be facing this year:

2004-05 Emphasis

Given the current budget situation, it is expected that the committee will have fewer proposals to review, thereby freeing up its time to work more on policy issues.

Professional Doctorates

Professional doctorates are those that are either required or needed to gain entry into a certain profession. Examples include the Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT), which may ultimately be required for certification by the licensing body of physical therapists, perhaps by 2007. Another example is the Doctorate of Audiology. Although UC only has one Masters in Physical Therapy, the CSU's have six or seven such programs. Presumably, these masters will need to be converted into doctorates to meet the new licensing requirements. Given that the UC's are the only institutions allowed to grant doctorates per the California Master Plan of Education, the question is, what should UC do about this? Related to professional doctorates is the issue of the joint UC-CSU Ed.D.'s that are currently being pushed through the system. CCGA is currently reviewing one of these (UC Davis/Sacramento State/Sonoma State), and others are expected to follow.

Crisis in Graduate Education

The Chair elaborated on the current crisis and situation in graduate education and its effects:

- ***Loss in Competitiveness in the Recruitment of Graduate Students:*** Twenty years ago, UC recruited the best graduate students globally. Now, not only is international graduate student recruitment down, but it is also not clear that UC is even competitive nationally, given the current financial offers to graduate students.
- ***Increase in Return to Aid Funding:*** The proposed 50% allocation of return to aid funding (the % of monies that are given back to the campuses from fees for use to support students) for graduate education in this coming year represents acknowledgement by the university administration that there is a problem. By comparison, last year's return to aid funding allocation for graduate student funding was at 20% and historically this figure has been benchmarked at 33%.
- ***Compact:*** The Compact with the governor calls for a 3% increase in funding, with a 4% increase in subsequent years. Then net priorities of the Compact are: (1) salary/health benefits; (2) student/faculty ratios; and (3) graduate student support in terms of fees and financial support.

II. Announcements from the Academic Senate Office

Academic Council (AC) Chair George Blumenthal welcomed new and returning committee members. He stressed the importance of becoming liaisons between the members' local committees and the systemwide CCGA committee. He identified some issues that will be affecting the AC and various committees:

Long-Range Planning

UC administration is looking 10, 15, and 20 years into the future. Among the important points being considered are (1) how a long-range plan will be funded; and (2) the importance of graduate education.

Budget

Next year, the Compact with the governor (assuming it is passed) calls for a 3% increase in funding to UC; graduate student fees will be raised by 10% and undergraduate fees will be raised by 8%; and there will be money to fund 5,000 additional students at UC. The Compact is a floor and not a ceiling; Members were encouraged to think of initiatives that could be added to the Compact in future years. A discussion ensued regarding the fee structure of graduate education (versus undergraduate education).

Political Advocacy

The Academic Senate has assigned one staff person to follow legislative issues.

Miscellaneous Items

- Merced Division: The Merced division should be established by the end of this year (May). It will be finalized once the AC and the Merced administration approve an operational budget for the division.
- Senate Regulations: The AC will be asking committees to look at the regulations of the Senate.
- Compendium: ORU's should be reviewed on the campus level, rather than the systemwide level. This measure was adopted five years ago, but it needs to be reviewed in order to be made permanent.

Labs

The Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory is up for competition. It is anticipated that both the Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore Laboratories will be competed for by the end of this year, however no definite information is known at this time. It was noted that many UC graduate students work at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory.

Research Issues

- California Institutes for Science and Innovation (Cal-ISI's): The concerns raised to the UC administration regarding the review process for the Cal-ISI's will be up before the AC in its October meeting. CCGA will be involved in this issue later this year.
- "Strings" on Grants: "Strings" are constraints that granting agencies append to their grants to universities, and restraints on the types of activities that universities can engage in. An UCORP report opposed such "strings". The AC approved a resolution from UCORP that said it is inappropriate for an unit/department/school/campus of the university to take a vote

and decide to refuse funding from a source based solely on the source of the funding (i.e. tobacco funding).

- Industrial Agreements with Departments
- Scientific Integrity in Government Advice: For example, some eminent UC scientists have been removed from federal panels because of the views that they hold, not because of their abilities. It might be desirable for UC to take a position on this issue.
- Research Environment at UC: Examination of how the UC research environment compares with that found at comparable institutions.

Admissions

- Eligibility criteria approved by the Regents.
- Report on AP Honors (anticipated soon)
- Admissions Tests (BOARS)
- Junior Transfers: Noted that UC maintains the 60:40 (upper- to lower-division) ratio.

Graduate Education

(1) The UC community is getting the message regarding graduate education; (2) UC community is working to convince legislature of the importance of graduate education to the California economy; (3) On some campuses, funding for graduate students is becoming a top priority (i.e. UCLA).

ACTION: A request will be made to the Council of Graduate Deans to quantify the number of foreign graduate students to the UC over a ten-year period. A suggestion was also made to find out from the individual campuses as to where on the priority list graduate student support lies.

University Committee on Academic Personnel (CAP) and University Committee on Faculty Welfare (UCFW) Issues

(1) Longitudinal data on UC faculty will soon become available; (2) UCRS is still fully funded until 2006; (3) recall of recently-retired faculty members for a three-year period; (3) fee waivers for children of UC faculty/staff; (4) and parking.

Executive Director Barceló described her duties as the Systemwide Senate Executive Director. Her primary responsibility is the management of staff and budgetary resources so that the Senate Committees receive the support they need in order to accomplish their missions. She also discussed the new web site policy. Public agendas (does not include discussion items, enclosures, and informational items) will be posted on the Senate website under CCGA. In addition, all approved minutes will be placed on the website (see enclosures). There will be a members' only page (password-protected) where members can go to find complete agendas, minutes, and finalized documents. Finally, there will be a web page as well a box for updates in the Senate Source devoted to legislative issues. She also reviewed the travel policy.

III. Announcements from the President's Office, Academic Initiatives

Vice Provost Zelmanowitz, Director Karen Merritt, and Principal Analyst Suzanne Klausner introduced themselves and described their roles within the President's Office of Academic Initiatives. They made the following announcements and updates:

Legislative Environment

Most of the bills dealt with eligibility issues, fee policy, and ratio of permanent to temporary faculty, etc. However, most of these bills failed because of (1) the settlement of the Williams lawsuit (alleging that the state was not meeting its obligations in providing adequate instructional materials, qualified teachers, and decent school facilities); and (2) vetoes by the governor. Surviving bills included one that requires UC to undertake efforts to control the costs of textbooks, and another one on common course numbers.

California Performance Review

Report on recommendations to save \$32 billion over five years. Most of these recommendations were business regulatory reforms. On the academic side, since August a high-level commission has been reviewing this report to make final recommendations to the governor. The recommendations discussed at the hearings include:

- Fiscal Issues: Fee policies; student financial aid. At the graduate level, the recommendations of the commission would devastate graduate education; at the undergraduate level, the commission's proposal to centralize financial aid would eliminate UC's discretion to target the most needy students (i.e. fee waivers instead of financial aid).
- Proposal to allow some junior colleges to offer BA degrees.
- Community college transfer issues
- Provost Greenwood focused on the importance of graduate education to California's competitiveness.

UC Washington Center and UC Sacramento Center

Both of these centers are now focusing on offering graduate student opportunities.

Honorarium for External Reviewers

One of the members brought up the issue of increasing the honorarium paid to external program proposal reviewers from \$150 to \$200-\$250 per proposal, or perhaps higher if funding for such an increase can be mustered.

ACTION: An inquiry will be made to AC Chair Blumenthal and the issue will be put on the agenda for the November meeting.

UC-CSU Ed.D.'s and other Professional Doctorates

Although UC has received mixed signals from CSU regarding professional doctorates in general, officially (from the CSU Chancellor) the Cal State priority is on the joint Ed.D.'s. There are three potential Ed.D. proposals coming or under current CCGA review (Davis, Riverside, and Santa Cruz). The other fields that are most eminent are Audiology and Physical Therapy. It was noted that most emerging fields are concentrated in the Health Sciences, which offer more flexibility than typical Ed.D.'s due to the nature of these types of programs (i.e. the difference between the master and doctorate degree is only one year; and there is better compensation in these fields (than in education)—therefore professional fees can apply). A criminology doctorate is another possibility in the future.

Legislative Environment

The UC community continues to impress upon the legislature the link between graduate education and a strong California economy. The current priorities of the President are faculty/staff salaries, graduate/professional student support, and the science and math initiative.

It was stressed to the committee that they should be thinking of large initiatives that are not zero-sum, or initiatives that go beyond the basic funding provided by the Compact (i.e. ones that would attract the governor's attention).

Compendium

This document is up for review. In the upcoming year, the committee will be reviewing draft guidance language ("rules of the road") for the Compendium.

Wireless Access in UCOP Conference Rooms

Several members expressed the need for wireless access in meeting rooms. They argued that this would go a long way towards making the meetings more "paper-less" and be more cost-effective. It was noted that there already is wired access (outlets are located under the conference table).

ACTION: Inquiries will be made with Information Technology. Subsequently, it was learned that all conference rooms at UCOP are slated to be wireless by June 2005.

IV. Announcements from the Council of Graduate Deans

Dean Alley could not attend the meeting, and therefore there were no announcements from the Council of Graduate Deans.

V. Consent Calendar

A. Minutes from June 8, 2004

ACTION: The June 8, 2004 minutes were approved.

B. Draft Recommendations for Guidelines and Procedures Governing the Academic Senate's Role in the Development of a New UC Campus and for Granting Divisional Status to a New Campus

ACTION: CCGA has no substantive comments.

C. 15-Year Review of the UC Committee on Latino Research (MRU)

ACTION: The committee nominated Manuel Pastor (UCSC), Chon Noriega (UCLA), Enrique Terrazas (UCSF) for the 15-year review committee for the UC Committee on Latino Research, as long as they are not members of this entity. The Chair also invited members to email him additional nominations after the meeting.

VI. Review of a Review – Sea Grant College (MRU)

ACTION: The committee nominated member William McDonald (UCLA) as the lead reviewer for this MRU. The suggestion was made that the committee locate example documents for MRU reviews.

VII. Reconstitution of the Division of Biological Sciences to the College of Biological Sciences at UCD

DISCUSSION: There was discussion around the splitting of the votes from the faculty of Letters and Science at UCD. The committee was particularly interested in why there was not an overwhelmingly approval for the reconstitution, and why there was no letter of support from the Head of Letters and Science at UCD.

ACTION: An inquiry will be made by the Davis member to gather this information as to why the votes in the College of Letters and Sciences were split, including requesting minutes of the

meetings of the faculty of Letters and Sciences at which the split was discussed. A letter will be drafted to the Davis member with a carbon copy to Chair Blumenthal. This issue will be put on the agenda for the November meeting.

VIII. Proposed Degrees and Programs for Review

A. Proposal for a Joint Ed.D. Program with UC Davis, CSU Sacramento, and Sonoma State University (DEL:CRA) Report

ISSUE/REPORT: Lead Reviewer, Bruce Schumm (UCSC) gave a report and discussed both reviews that he has received on this joint-Ed.D. proposal and responses to queries made to the proposers, Prof. Schumm will be making a site visit.

DISCUSSION: The committee also discussed the notion of demand vs. need. Although the California State Legislature has mandated more Ed.D. programs, more data is required on the “need” of such programs. Thus far, these programs that have been launched remain small (with the exception of Irvine). The Office of Academic Initiatives will continue to provide such data to CCGA as it becomes available. Regarding the need for community college-related training, early data shows that current UC Ed.D. programs’ enrollments are 20% community college-based.

ACTION: The lead reviewer’s report will be sent to UC Davis/CSU Sacramento/Sonoma State, a site visit will be conducted within the next month, and a follow-up report will be submitted to the committee by the November meeting.

B. Proposal for a new Interdepartmental Ph.D. Program in Health Economics at UCLA

ACTION: Reen Wu (UCD) was nominated as the lead reviewer.

C. Proposal for a new Interdepartmental Master of Financial Engineering at UCLA

ACTION: Stephen Ritchie (UCI) was nominated as the lead reviewer.

D. Proposal for a new Ph.D. Program in Culture and Theory at UCI

ACTION: Harvey Sharrer (UCSB) was nominated as the lead reviewer.

IX. Miscellaneous

Response to Legislative Issues

Chair Blumenthal requested that each committee nominate one or two members that would be able and willing to respond to legislative issues that come up in a relatively short period of time (within a day or two).

ACTION: CCGA nominated Chair Williams with Michael Hanemann (UCB) as an alternate.

X. Executive Session - Members only

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

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Distributions

1. Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs website information
2. Email regarding “Public Access to Minutes from UCOP General Counsel
3. Proposal for Joint Ed.D. Program with UC Davis, CSU Sacramento, and Sonoma State University (DEL:CRA)
4. Report on “*Proposal for Joint Ed.D. Program with UC Davis, CSU Sacramento, and Sonoma State University (DEL:CRA)*”
5. Proposal for a new Interdepartmental Program in Health Economics (Ph.D.) at UCLA
6. Proposal for a new degree designation at UCLA, Master of Financial Engineering (MFE)
7. Proposal for a Ph.D. in Culture and Theory at UCI