

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

ACADEMIC SENATE

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

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**I. Chair’s Report/Announcements** – *Chair Farid Chehab*

- Chair Chehab welcomed members and briefly reviewed CCGA’s charge and processes.
- September 24 Academic Council Meeting:
  - President Yudof’s report included updates on the ongoing Provost and UCD Chancellor searches; the recently appointed Senior Vice President for Health Sciences, John Stobo; a foreboding budget outlook that includes likely mid-year cuts, no funds for year two of the Faculty Salary Plan, and \$10 million for graduate student support; rising UC employee health care costs; the restart of UCRP contributions; UCOP restructuring; and initiatives to improve the transfer rates for underrepresented minorities.
  - A joint Senate/administrative task force on revising the Compendium will present its recommendations to Council by the end of the academic year.
  - The proposed UC Systemwide School of Global Health will be a major focus this year.
  - Council approved a Master in Public Policy at UCI.
- A reconstituted Task Force on Planning for Doctoral and Professional Education (PDPE) will focus on graduate student financial support issues in lieu of establishing an ad-hoc committee as originally requested by CCGA last year.
- Update on the “Certificates” memo: Chair Chehab will be taking to Council in October the revised guidelines affecting the review and approval of certificate programs which were the product of a year-long discussion by CCGA on this issue.

**II. Consent Calendar**

- Approval of the Agenda

**ACTION:** The agenda was approved as noticed.

**III. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership** –

*Mary Croughan, Academic Senate Chair*

*Henry Powell, Academic Senate Vice Chair*

*Martha Winnacker, Executive Director*

*Todd Giedt, Associate Director & Legislative Analyst*

**REPORT:** Chair Croughan welcomed members and highlighted ongoing and positive discussions with President Yudof on a wide range of issues including: funding for graduate student support; the strong likelihood of further cuts to the University’s budget by mid-year; what can be preserved with respect to the Faculty Salary Plan; Academic Council’s commitment to not have salaries affected by resumption of UCRP contributions; and \$5 million set aside to help defray increased employee health care costs. UCOC will be selecting members for the task force on revising the Compendium. She also discussed the controversy surrounding a UCR proposal to establish an Executive M.B.A. program. Finally, she advised the committee on the importance of bringing campus information to CCGA and in-turn taking back CCGA information back to the

campuses; honoring the confidentiality of CCGA discussions and executive sessions; treating consultants with respect, (i.e., don't shoot the messenger); directing media requests to Chair Croughan; and making good use of the committee's analyst.

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

*Steven Beckwith, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies*

*Carol Copperud, Planning and Analysis*

*Suzanne Klausner, Academic Initiatives*

**REPORT:** VP Beckwith introduced himself and described his portfolio. One of his roles is to promote graduate studies at the state level and with the surge in undergraduates accompanying Tidal Wave II, this is not an easy case to make and it is one that he expects to be making routinely. He has also made some effort to better understand the mystery of how graduate tuition and fee cycles in and out of campuses; what flows to Graduate Deans and/or graduate studies; and charges for overhead. He is also interested in determining how other real costs fluctuate, especially those that are not necessarily paid for by the Graduate Deans, or that might not be obvious from accounting records.

**DISCUSSION:** Members commented on the difference between non-resident tuition (NRT) and overhead, as well as the need to examine other revenue sources. Other members commented on the cost effectiveness of hiring PIs; transferring funds to Graduate Deans, and accountability for graduate funds.

**V. Announcements from the Graduate Deans**

*\*Time is customarily set aside time at each meeting for CCGA to confer with representatives from the UC Council of Graduate Deans; the 2008-09 consultants have not yet been designated.*

**VI. Review of QB3, the California Institute for Quantitative Biosciences – Chair Chehab and Liz Watkins (UCSF)**

**ISSUE:** CCGA, UCORP, and UCPB have been invited to provide comments on the Five-Year Academic Review of QB3 to Council by November 10, 2008. Members were asked to review and approve review comments contained in review completed by Prof. Watkins.

**DISCUSSION:** Prof. Watkins presented highlights from her draft report. Chair Chehab suggested addition statement of "line budget" item weakness; Prof. Watkins disagreed because it's not in our purview.

**ACTION: Members voted to accept the draft report (10-0-0).**

**VII. Graduate Support Letter to President Yudof via Chair Croughan – Chair Chehab**

**ISSUE:** The draft letter summarizes concerns raised at the September 24 Council meeting with regard to the allocation and distribution of \$10 million in graduate support funds to the campuses. Members were asked to review and approve the draft letter that proposes that the money be distributed directly to the Graduate Deans, thereby bypassing the Chancellors and EVCs on the campuses.

**DISCUSSION:** Chair Chehab summarized draft letter. One member suggested clarifying that we are only talking about this one-time allocation, and not funds earmarked for a specific program. Another member suggested that the issues need to be teased apart and addressed separately.

**ACTION: Members voted (9-0-0) to accept the draft letter and send it to Chair Croughan.**

**VIII. President Yudof’s Draft Accountability Framework Report – Chair Chehab**

**ISSUE:** President Yudof has released his draft accountability framework, which is a 200-plus page report using selected indicators on UC performance. Members are asked to review the report. Informal comments are needed by November 10. The full report is available online at [[www.universityofcalifornia.edu/accountability](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/accountability)].

**DISCUSSION:** Chair Chehab suggested disaggregating undergraduate data from graduate data.

**ACTION:** Chair Chehab asked members to send him any comments between now and next meeting.

**IX. Proposed Fee Policy for Graduate Student In Absentia Registration – Chair Chehab and Dean Jeff Gibeling (UC Davis)**

**ISSUE:** When CCGA last considered this issue last spring, it recommended two changes: 1) the addition of a reference to the authority of the Senate in regards to the residency status of In Absentia students; and 2) alterations to the language of the nature of the relationship between the lead faculty and student that has contact not being minimal, but being “commensurate with the role of evaluating the student’s progress on their research” or similar language. In July, past Chair Bruce Schumm discussed these with Dean Jeff Gibeling, who tentatively agreed to the changes.

**DISCUSSION:** Dean Gibeling briefly summarized the issue for the benefit of new members; he also updated members on the current proposal, and where things now stand. CCGA’s concerns incorporated in revision but the questions from the July 23 Council meeting will need to be answered before this is resubmitted to Council. Chair Chehab asked about the enforcement mechanism. Dean Gibeling mentioned the agreement for an evaluation after 3 years (2010-11).

**ACTION:** Dean Gibeling will address the points raised by Academic Council at its meeting and get back to CCGA in time for November Council.

**X. Report of the Subcommittee on the Professional Doctorate of the UC Task Force on Planning for Professional and Doctoral Education – Chair Chehab**

**ISSUE:** The Subcommittee’s report addresses the growing phenomenon of the “professional doctorate” and proposes principles that should be used to determine when such doctorates are distinct from doctorates based on research and scholarship, so that it may be appropriate for the California State University (CSU) to offer them. CCGA comments are due to Council by November 24.

**DISCUSSION:** Chair Chehab gave an overview of the item and its key recommendations that UC strive to preserve sole authority within California public higher education to independently grant research/scholarship-based doctoral degrees and that for professional doctoral titles, UC and CSU develop principles for evaluating, on a title-by-title basis, the appropriateness of sharing granting authority.

**ACTION:** Chair Chehab asked members to send him any comments between now and next meeting; agenda brief item next CCGA meeting.

**XI. Resumption of CCGA’s Authority over Approval of New Professional School Programs (M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., Pharm.D., and J.D. – Chair Chehab**

**ISSUE:** Since CCGA announced and Council endorsed its intention to resume reviewing proposals for new professional school degrees, the law school at UC Irvine and the Graduate

School of Management at UC Riverside have questioned CCGA's authority to subject their proposed degree programs to review. At its meeting on Sept. 23, Council charged Chair Mary Croughan with writing a letter to Irvine affirming that they do not need CCGA approval for the Regents-approved J.D. program, but will need to send the L.L.M. and J.D.S. degree proposals through the regular review process, namely local and systemwide reviews. Council also asked Riverside Divisional Chair Anthony Norman to communicate to the dean of UC Riverside's business school that the proposed Executive MBA program must be referred to the divisional Graduate Council for review, and if needed, be submitted to CCGA.

**DISCUSSION:** Chair Chehab summarized item and Council's response to Irvine and Riverside cases. One member noted that a discrepancy between language in Bruce Schumm's and Michael Brown's letter and requested clarification on Academic Council's interpretation of CCGA statement in Michael Brown's Aug. 29 letter to Provost Grey which reads, "While CCGA concurs that ongoing oversight is best left to professional schools offering these degree titles..." and a sentence in the second following paragraph and from an earlier version which reads, "...it leaves the discretion of oversight of established degree programs to their campus Graduate Councils or their designees."

**ACTION: Confer with Chair Croughan and send correction to campuses, if needed, due to the misinterpretation contained in the Michael Brown's Aug. 29 letter.**

**XII. Reconstitution Proposal for the Anderson Graduate School of Management (AGSM) at UC Riverside – Chair Chehab**

**ISSUE:** Per the Compendium, CCGA, UCEP, and UCPB are charged with reviewing proposals to reconstitute graduate schools. CCGA serves as the lead committee and is responsible for drafting a summary response that takes into account the UCEP and UCPB responses. CCGA will retain its lead role for this review even though the reconstitution primarily deals with the governance of the undergraduate program under AGSM (it had been shared by AGSM and CHASS).

**DISCUSSION:** Members did not have any objections to the proposal.

**ACTION: Chair Chehab/Analyst Zárate will summarize Compendium committee's reports for Council.**

**XIII. Proposed Policy on Part-Time Self-Supporting Graduate/ Professional Degree Programs – Chair Chehab**

**ISSUE:** The Provost has requested that the Senate review a proposed policy on Part-Time Self-Supporting Graduate/Professional Degree Programs. It appears that these programs were initially envisioned as part-time programs for working adults but a number of these part-time programs are full-time programs with unclear access for working adults. Members were asked to consider if this is something CCGA is willing to take on and if so, determine next steps.

**DISCUSSION:** After a brief discussion, members unanimously agreed to take on the review.

**ACTION: A lead reviewer will need to be assigned.**

**XIV. Update on Proposal for a New School of Nursing at UC Davis – Chair Chehab and Past Chair Bruce Schumm**

**REPORT: Chair Chehab reported that past Chair Schumm is working with the UC Davis proponents and will have an update for CCGA in November.**

**XV. Proposed Degrees and Programs for Review**

**A. Proposal for a Master of Advance Studies degree program (M.A.S.) in International Relations at UC San Diego – Chair Chehab**

**ACTION:** Liz Watkins (UCSF) was assigned as Lead Reviewer.

**B. Proposal for a joint UC San Diego/SDSU Ph.D. degree program in Engineering Sciences (Bioengineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering and Structural Engineering) – Chair Chehab**

**ACTION:** Valerie Leppert (UCM) was assigned as Lead Reviewer.

**C. Proposal for a M.S./Ph.D. degree program in Technology and Information Management at UC Santa Cruz – Chair Chehab**

**ACTION:** Jang-Ting Guo (UCR) was assigned as Lead Reviewer.

**D. Proposal for a joint UC/CSU Ed.D. in Leadership – Chair Chehab**

**ACTION:** John Sutton (UCSB) was assigned as Lead Reviewer.

**E. Proposal for an Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Management leading to M.A./Ph.D. degree at UC Riverside – Chair Chehab**

**ACTION:** Sue Carter (UCSC) was assigned as Lead Reviewer.

**F. Proposal for an M.S. degree program in Environmental Policy and Management at UC Davis – Lead Reviewer Patricia Springer (UCR)**

**ISSUE:** Members were asked to review and approve Prof. Springer's report and recommendations via tele-conference set for this time.

**DISCUSSION:** Prof. Springer summarized the report; one member questioned the staffing cited in the Hinshaw memo; a suggestion was made to stipulate critical that those faculty FTE be there and that CCGA approval be contingent upon receipt of written evidence of these hires or provision of course relief for these 4 FTEs (letter from Dean or departments).

**ACTION:** Analyst Zárata will draft a from Chari Chehab to the program requesting written evidence of these hires or provision of course relief for four FTEs with a 2-3-year staffing plan from the appropriate Deans. Prof. Springer to insert sentence re: letter of commitment.

**G. Proposal for an Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Computational Science, Mathematics, and Engineering leading to M.S. degree (Computational Science) at UC San Diego – Chair Chehab**

**ACTION:** Andre Knoesen (UCD) was assigned as Lead Reviewer.

**H. Proposal for an Interdisciplinary Ph.D. degree program in Human Development at UC San Diego – Lead Reviewer Glen Mimura (UCI)**

Note: This item should not have been included on the agenda. CCGA responded to the campus on July 30, 2008.

**I. Proposal for a Ph.D. degree program in Management at UC San Diego – Lead Reviewer Ken Rose (UCSB)**

REPORT: Prof. Rose reported that the reviews have been mixed. Chief concerns include the viability of program size a main issue once the 5-7 students split into specialty areas. Chair Chehab suggested sending reviews to chief proponents and asking them to respond (or the summary of concerns raised by the reviewers).

**J. New Proposal for a Master of Professional Accountancy degree program (M.P.Ac.) at UC Berkeley – Lead Reviewer Glen Mimura (UCI)**

REPORT: Prof. Mimura reported that letters have been received from all reviewers; three are usable; and one is negative. He expects to have a summary report ready for the November CCGA meeting.

**XVI. New Business**

**XVII. Executive Session (members only)**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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