

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

UCOP, 1111 Franklin Street, Oakland – Room 5320

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<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/>**I. Chair's Report/Announcements – Chair Farid Chehab**

- January 28 Academic Council Update
 - Council endorsed President Yudof's Proposed Blue and Gold Financial Aid Program.
 - Regent Eddie Island attended the Council meeting visit. He emphasized that his priorities as a Regent are to improve access, affordability, and diversity. He stated that unlike past Boards, the Board of Regents is sympathetic to these issues and also understands the importance of shared governance. He noted that since joining the Board, he has cast only one vote in opposition to the Senate's point of view – on research funding from Tobacco companies. He enthusiastically embraces the Senate's Eligibility Reform Proposal but wished it would have been more daring. He mentioned that the Regents and the University adopted the Senate's eloquent statement on diversity and acknowledged that there is a big gap between the statement and reality. He doesn't see Prop. 209 being reversed anytime soon and promised to take up the issue of graduate student diversity.
 - Restart of UCRP contributions. UC has requested \$250M from the state; the state agreed to \$20M. The Regents will decide when to start restart contributions. President Yudof is looking at creative ways for long-term funding for UCRP. Council approved a public statement drafted by the University Faculty Welfare Committee (UCFW) on why lump-sum cash outs are not a good idea for individuals. The document is entitled, "Market Turmoil and the UCRP Lump Sum Cashout."
 - President Yudof voiced his opposition to differential fees on the campuses (not to be confused with the issue of differential fees *for non-resident undergraduates* that has been a topic discussion recently).
 - The Provost search is on-going. There was consensus on Council for wider Senate representation in the search process in addition to Chair Croughan's participation thus far. UCSF Professor Emeritus Larry Pitts, M.D., has been named Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. He is a former UCSF Divisional Chair and Academic Council Chair.
- Global Health Sciences Update: There was consensus among an Academic Council subcommittee for systemwide review of a proposal; the preliminary draft proposal is expected sometime in May. The multiple "Centers of Excellence" and conceptual "University" courses will fall within CCGA's purview. One member noted that there is already precedent with UCSD approving undergraduate "University" courses.
- UCD School of Nursing Update: By a vote of (9-6-3), Council endorsed the proposal contingent on the proponents addressing the major concerns of the compendium committees. CCGA and UCEP supported the proposal while UCPB opposed it. UCPB's main concern was with long-term funding plans for the School.
- The Academic Certificates and Graduate Support Letter items were postponed to March.
- PDPE Committee Update: Chair Chehab reported on committee's initial meeting. The committee mostly brainstormed on proposed goals, most of which were carried over from the

former GAC committee: 1) Definition and prioritization of UC's financial Support goals for graduate degree students; 2) Identification of the amount of revenue needed to meet UC's needs and goals; 3) Development of specific proposals or strategies for generating new external sources of revenue to meet UC's needs; 4) Development of specific proposals or strategies for the use of internal fund sources to help meet UC's needs, (e.g., what types of programs, how distributed across students and campuses; and 5) Development of a means for assessing the University's progress in meeting UC's graduate student support needs.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the Minutes from the January 6, 2008 Meeting

B. Approval of the Agenda

DISCUSSION:

- Members discussed the utility of distributing to the local Graduate Council a copy of the lead CCGA reviewer's report on new program proposals for their respective campus (along with any revisions to the proposal and external/internal reviews enclosed). Members were unsure whether or not modifications to a proposal circle their way back to the local campus Graduate Council after the original proposal is forwarded to CCGA by the local approving body. Members thought that by doing so, it might improve the overall process and offer insight to the campuses on "model" proposals. Director Copperud suggested that this could be incorporated in the revision of the Compendium. The committee asked that Chair Chehab transmit the above comments to the committee that is working on revising the Compendium. [Note: The local Graduate Council is currently included on the distribution list when campuses are notified by the Provost on the official approval of a proposal. There are no specifications however for what attachments are ultimately included with the "official" notice from the Provost.]
- One member suggested "Doctoral 2A Status" as a topic for future CCGA discussion. "Doctoral 2A" status ("Doc 2A" for short) refers to graduate students who are enrolled beyond nine quarters or six semesters after advancement to candidacy and who by long-standing UC policy are ineligible for state funding (approximately \$11K per student). While these students remain enrolled and continue to use campus resources to varying degrees local campuses receive no funding for them. As homework: Chair Chehab asked that members check with their local Graduate Council to gauge extent of concern on their campus with "Doc 2A" status and associated issues, if any (or status similar to "Doc 2A" regardless of the name designation).

ACTION: The agenda and minutes were approved with minor modifications.

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

Carol Copperud, Strategic Planning, Programs, and Accountability

Suzanne Klausner, Strategic Planning, Programs, and Accountability

REPORT: Director Carol Copperud reported that her unit is working on how to respond to the Academic Senate's comments on the PDPE report. Todd Greenspan, UC's long-time inter-segmental link is the new UC-lead for the Joint Graduate Board that approves proposals for UC/CSU Joint Doctoral Programs (JDPs). CSU has re-drafted SB-1288 to launch Doctor of Nursing programs at CSU. Director Copperud passed out a flow chart and background documents on the \$10M in graduate support funds for the period 2006-09 in response to CCGA's discussion from last meeting.

IV. Proposed Policy on Part-Time Self-Supporting Graduate/ Professional Degree Programs –

Chair Chehab

ISSUE: In January, CCGA agreed to form a subcommittee with the modified charge of producing a document limited in scope to serve as a starting point for the Senate's future consideration of the

larger UC policy implications associated with Part-Time Self-Supporting Graduate/Professional Degree Programs. Subcommittee members: Chair Chehab (lead), Jim Carmody, Ken Rose, Lowell Gallagher, John Sutton, Carol Copperud, and a UCPB member. CCGA will devote time at each meeting to address issues raised in the Academic Affairs' report.

DISCUSSION: Chair Chehab reviewed a handout that included a framework and questions for the discussion: 1) What is the current definition of “self-supporting programs” (SSPs); 2) What is the target audience of SSPs; 3) What is the justification to start a SSP; and 4) What are possible sites of instruction for SSPs?. Members discussed expanding the definition of self-supporting programs to include “part or full time programs aimed at new and unmet educational needs to which there are no existing State resources” noting the distinction between unmet *need* and unmet *demand*. Members generally agreed on the need for explicit mention of financial aid in SSP proposals. There was a lengthy discussion on eliminating the term “working adults” from the definition of the target audience that includes academically qualified graduates. Members were favorable to the revenue-generating capacity of SSPs while fulfilling the research mission of the University. The site of instruction in a revised policy could take into account electronic instruction and residency as in the recently revised SR694. Furthermore, CCGA members concurred with the 1996 policy that a new SSP should serve a public need.

ACTION: No action was taken. Additional issues will be discussed at the next meeting.

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

ISSUE: Ongoing discussion with Graduate Dean Jeff Gibeling (UC Davis) regarding modifications to the proposal to revise the In Absentia Registration policy.

DISCUSSION: CCGA reviewed key revisions with Dean Gibeling and agreed to: limit the table to data on the number of students registered In Absentia; include the points on the fiscal impact of policy; add Global Health to list of students likely to take advantage of the policy; retain the “outside of California-state boundary” for first three years subject to evaluation; and incorporate language on the filing fee.

ACTION: Dean Gibeling will revise the letter, policy, table, and sample forms incorporating the above comments. Chair Chehab will draft an accompanying cover letter that addresses Council's previous key concerns with the goal of bringing this item to Academic Council in March.

VI. Proposal to Establish a Department of Teaching, Curriculum, and Professional Development at UC Santa Barbara – Chair Chehab

ISSUE: In January, members determined that the proposal should be reviewed by CCGA's normal review process based on 1) the proposal's stated intent “to establish a new department housing a new program and that incorporates the heretofore autonomous Teacher Education Program...” and 2) CCGA's understanding of the independent admissions processes of the two programs. CCGA member John Sutton requested clarification of the TCPD admission procedures.

DISCUSSION: CCGA members noted that the justification for the establishment of a new TCPD Department originated from a vision that recognizes TCPD as a separate branch and mission from the existing one in the Department of Education. The committee determined, following a review of the submitted documents that the two graduate programs are sufficiently different so as to consider the TCPD graduate program as a new program. The evidence of separate admissions processes, admitting bodies and evaluation criteria are clear indicators of two divergent graduate programs. It was also felt that a new TCPD Department would be better served by its own TCPD graduate program as it would help shape its identity and attract a new pool of graduate students.

ACTION: Members voted (9-0-2) to transmit to UCSB the outcome of CCGA's discussion – that CCGA considers the proposed program as a distinct and new program and therefore subject to CCGA's normal review process following approval by the local Graduate Council

VII. Proposed Degrees and Programs for Review

- A. Proposal for a Joint Doctoral Program in Geophysics (Earthquake Sciences and Applied Geophysics) between UC San Diego and San Diego State University – Lead Reviewer Ken Rose (UCSB)**

REPORT: Prof. Rose asked members for feedback on various aspects of the proposal including: outdated support letters; the program's relative value to UC; how principal research advisors are identified; how the small class size will serve state need; and market for demand of new graduates. Members recommended that Prof. Rose solicit external reviewers after first suggesting to the proponents that they consider updating support letters contained therein.

- B. Proposal for a Ph.D. degree program in Communications at UC Davis – Lead Reviewer Liz Watkins (UCSF)**

REPORT: Prof. Watkins shared highlights from the proposal; need clearly stated; confirmed external review from Illinois; she asked members if additional UC reviewers were needed given stated support from the two existing UC programs. Members suggested that approaching individual faculty for reviews from the two UC programs might yield more candid responses.

- C. Proposal for a Joint Doctoral Program in Evolutionary Biology between UC Riverside and San Diego State University – Lead Reviewer Lowell Gallagher (UCLA)**

REPORT: Prof. Gallagher confirmed that reviews from UCSC, Duke University and Texas are forthcoming; responses to requests are pending from three other UC campuses.

- D. Proposal for a Master of Science degree program in Science and Technology Studies in Medicine at UC San Francisco – Lead Reviewer Ira Tager/David Bates (UCB)**

REPORT: Analyst Zárate and Prof. Tager, who took over the review from Prof. Bates will check on what was previously done to date including any reviews that were solicited by Prof. Bates.

- E. Proposal for an Interdepartmental Graduate Program leading to the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Materials Science and Engineering at UC Riverside – Lead Reviewer Jim Carmody (UCSD)**

REPORT: Prof. Carmody shared highlights from his summary report and key concerns and questions that surfaced from the individual reviews including: curriculum concerns; faculty expertise; unit requirements; the language requirement for non-English speakers; program governance; process for appointing graduate advisors; rationale for year-round admissions; and student support. Prof. Carmody will follow-up with the proponents on the above concerns.

- F. Proposal for a Master of Advance Studies degree program (M.A.S.) in International Relations at UC San Diego – Lead Reviewer Liz Watkins (UCSF)**

REPORT: Prof. Watkins shared highlights from her summary report and key concerns and questions that surfaced from the individual reviews, none of which she felt were substantial enough to warrant a request for revisions or delay CCGA approval of the proposal at this time.

ACTION: Members voted (10-0-1) to approve the proposal.

- G. 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: Prof. Leppert is awaiting receipt of internal and external reviews and indicated that she did not see major issues with the proposal at this time.

- H. Proposal for a M.S./Ph.D. degree program in Technology and Information Management at UC Santa Cruz – Lead Reviewer Jang-Ting Guo (UCR)**

REPORT: Prof. Guo shared highlights from his summary report and key concerns and questions that surfaced from the individual reviews. He concurs with three of the four reviews which were uniformly positive. An outlying fourth review raised substantial concerns, including: how to attract UC-caliber faculty; the viability of the program; and whether or not to offer the Masters program at this time. Prof. Guo noted that overall the program is well-conceived and that the concerns raised seem fairly easy ones to address. Members suggested that Prof. Guo seek clarification on the capstone/thesis requirement (Plan I or Plan II) for the Masters program.

- I. Proposal for an Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Management leading to M.A./Ph.D. degree at UC Riverside – Lead Reviewer Sue Carter (UCSC)**

REPORT: Prof. Carter reported that she has three reviews in hand and that they are all positive for the most part. She has been challenged to find a fourth external reviewer. She will send copies of reviews for inclusion with the next agenda and a draft summary based on these for discussion at the next meeting.

- J. Proposal for an Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Computational Science, Mathematics, and Engineering leading to M.S. degree (Computational Science) at UC San Diego – Lead Reviewer Andre Knoesen (UCD)**

REPORT: Prof. Knoesen will request that proponents submit a revised proposal that incorporates requested changes. He recommended that the committee hold off discussing the proposal until UCSD has had an opportunity to respond to CCGA's concerns.

- K. Proposal for a Master of Professional Accountancy degree program (M.P.Ac.) at UC Berkeley – Glen Mimura (UCI)**

REPORT: Prof. Mimura shared highlights from his summary report and key concerns and questions that surfaced from the individual reviews including the capstone requirement, curriculum, sequencing of internship, and funding set-aside for financial aid. He will request that proponents submit a revised proposal that incorporates requested clarifications.

VIII. New Business

IX. Executive Session (members only)

Notes are not taken during Executive Session.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Attest: Farid Chehab, CCGA Chair
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