

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

UCOP, 1111 Franklin Street, Oakland – Room 5320
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I. Chair's Report/Announcements – Chair Farid Chehab

- April 29-30 Academic Council Update
 - Annual Joint Council/EVCs Meeting: The session highlighted budget strategies, including examples of best practices from UCSB; ongoing Postdoc/Librarian/Lecturer/TA bargaining; guiding principles for budget reductions; and alternatives of last resort.
 - Principles for Non-Resident Undergraduate Enrollment: Council discussed principles developed by BOARS to guide campus decisions regarding the appropriate level of non-resident undergraduate enrollment.
 - Simmons/Sakaki Task Force: Council approved the amendment of Academic Senate Regulations to allow for the granting of a Special Honorary Degree for students enrolled in the Academic Year 1941-42 who were prevented from receiving their UC degrees due to removal under Executive Order 9066.
 - President Yudof discussed the UCSF and UCD Chancellor searches; the student fee increase and its disproportionate impact on grant supported graduate students; implications of Propositions 1A/1B; and state's position on UCRP contributions.
 - Addition of "Collegiality" to APM 210-1-d: Council declined to recommend incorporating UCAF's proposed language on collegiality into the APM.
- Draft Policy for Establishing Furloughs and Salary Reductions: Chair Chehab suggested that CCGA could opine from a graduate education perspective. Members discussed a broad range of concerns, including: whether or not checks and balances are being compromised; the need for the policy and consultation with the faculty; and ways in which the policy could be detrimental to graduate education.
- Chair Chehab took a moment to acknowledge and thank Director Carol Copperud for her past contributions to CCGA; she is retiring from UCOP this month.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the Minutes from the April 7, 2009 Meeting

B. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

Steven Beckwith, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies

Todd Greenspan, Academic Affairs

Hilary Baxter, Academic Affairs

Carol Copperud, Academic Affairs

VP Beckwith discussed the topic of Indirect Cost Recovery from Federal Grants and Contracts. Chair Chehab asked if any of these funds can be ear-marked for graduate education. VP Beckwith responded possibly with care given to the issues of audit ability and how the money is ultimately

socialized on the campuses. He also discussed ways to keep CSU engaged in the process of research and discovery and referred members to his January 2009 Research Accountability Report to The Regents.

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. Questions and issues that were discussed at the meeting included:

- 1) If the policy governing SSPs is revised, how should practices in existing programs be modified, if they fall, outside the revised policy?
- 2) Should SSPs granting Ph.D. degrees be allowed? Could their funding be concurrent or independent from State funds?
- 3) Can SSPs granting Master's degrees be an entry point or a prerequisite to a Ph.D. program?
- 4) Should the model of UC Extension courses be allowed to expand on UC campuses into SSPs that grant Certificates or Master's degrees while increasing revenues to Departments/ORUs?

DISCUSSION:

- Members determined that it would not be appropriate for SSPs to grant Ph.D. degrees and that the issue was not of immediate concern to CCGA.
- With regard to the question of SSPs as an entry point or a prerequisite to a Ph.D. program, members commented it could be one route but not the preferred route.
- Members concluded that the model of UC Extension courses should not be allowed to expand on UC campuses into SSPs. As a case in point, members considered a case at UCSD that involves a program review of the Master of Advanced Studies in Leadership of Healthcare Organizations administered by University Extension and which points to the relationship between the campus and Extension in the administration of SSPs. Chair Chehab questioned the oversight of the Graduate Division. Members commented that the case seemed like a campus anomaly and a local issue.

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

V. Graduate/Professional Allocation of University Student Aid Program (USAP) Funds –
Chair Chehab with Kate Jeffery and David Alocer

ISSUE: At the request of CCGA, Kate Jeffery and David Alocer led a discussion on ways to streamline the way in which USAP funds are collected, allocated and distributed to the campuses; the allocation amounts; the oversight of their distribution; and the distinction between allocation and distribution of USAP funds to graduate professional and graduate academic programs.

DISCUSSION: Director Jeffery discussed the various sources of funding of which USAP funds are just one which led to a general discussion of how these funds should be allocated. Chair Chehab suggested the need for UCOP to develop definitions for graduate academic and graduate professional "buckets" of money. The definitions would preclude campuses from mixing graduate academic and graduate professional monies in the allocation of USAP funds and encourage allocating funds in a more equitable way with respect to the proportion of their contributions.

ACTION: Director Jeffery will look into how to disaggregate, distinguish graduate academic from graduate professional "buckets" of money in future reports on the distribution and allocation of these funds.

VI. Proposed Name Change: UCLA proposal 1) to change the name of the department from the *Department of Applied Linguistics and TESL* to the *Department of Applied Linguistics* and 2) to change the name of the Master of Arts degree program from the current name of *Applied Linguistics and TESL* to *Applied Linguistics* – Chair Chehab

ISSUE: Determine if there are any questions or concerns that CCGA wishes to convey to the Divisional Senate or the campus and whether or not to take additional action, (e.g., request to review the proposal after the campus review has been completed or request a systemwide review of the proposal).

ACTION: After a brief discussion, members voted unanimously to approve the name change request.

VII. Implications of AB-867 – Chair Chehab

AB-867 would allow CSU to offer doctoral nursing programs (DNP) independent of UC and other institutions of higher education.

DISCUSSION: Todd Greenspan touched on some of the relevant political issues; Chair Chehab suggested CCGA write a letter to Council outlining its concerns and other members suggested that a pedagogical argument is a preferred and less confrontational approach; An alternative would be for UC to invite joint programs until which time CSUs can provide training sites for nurses; Attention was also drawn to the success of current JDPs.

ACTION: Members agreed to forward CCGA's comments to Council.

VIII. Proposed Degrees and Programs for Review

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

ACTION: The Committee was unable to assign a Lead Reviewer at this time since committee members present at today's meeting will be rotating off the committee next year; another attempt at assigning a lead reviewer will be targeted for the June meeting.

B. Proposal for a M.A./Ph.D. degree program in Chicana and Chicano Studies at UCLA – Chair Chehab

ACTION: James Carmody (UCSD) was assigned as Lead Reviewer since he will continue next year on the committee.

C. 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 reported that he has received four reviews. Overall, all the reviews are supportive despite dated letters of support. Prof. Rose will request an updated statement on commitment of resources and convey CCGA concerns re: the thesis advisor language in proposal; the adequacy of first year support; and the potential impact that the three years to candidacy might have on recruitment). Director Copperud noted the additional step of approval by the Joint Graduate Board (JGB).

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

REPORT: Prof. Watkins reported that the campus response had satisfactorily addressed the previous concerns expressed by external reviewers and committee members and recommended CCGA approval at this time.

ACTION: Members voted (11-0-1) to approve the proposal.

E. 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 reported that he is still waiting for response to requested clarifications. Director Copperud noted the additional step of approval by the JGB.

F. Proposal for a Master of Science degree program in Science and Technology Studies in Medicine at UC San Francisco – Lead Reviewer Ira Tager (UCB)

REPORT: Prof. Tager was not in attendance.

G. 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 reported that the campus response had satisfactorily addressed the previous concerns expressed by external reviewers and committee members and recommended CCGA approval at this time.

ACTION: Members voted (11-0-1) to approve the proposal.

H. 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 reported that two reviews are forthcoming and three reviews are in-hand, one of which covers two of the three proposals. The reviews are all supportive with no major problems cited. Prof. Leppert will draft reports for ECE, Bioengineering. Director Copperud noted the additional step of approval by the JGB.

I. 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 shared highlights from his summary report. He noted that while the two external reviews very favorable, the two UC reviews were a little more skeptical. He recommended CCGA approval at this time.

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

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

REPORT: Prof. Mimura reported that the proponents are delaying opening of program by one year due to budget constraints; they indicated their intention however to submit a revised proposal to CCGA for consideration this academic year.

IX. New Business

X. Executive Session (members only)

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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

CCGA 2008-09 Meeting Schedule:

June 2, 2009 – Room 5320