

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Notice of Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

I. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the Agenda

B. UCLA Appendix V Action – Islamic Languages – Alex Bui

This is a proposal to discontinue, move, and re-name the Islamic languages IDP at UCLA in order to provide better resources to the students and faculty.

Action Taken: *The agenda was approved as noticed.
The Appendix V action was approved with one abstention.*

II. Chair's ReportAcademic Council Update – Chair Jutta Heckhausen

The President met with the Council and described recent negotiations she had with the governor and various members of the Legislature. She said that the process requires a lot of patience and persistence. The president believes there are a lot of opportunities to make a difference and to educate the governor and Legislature about educational content and quality.

The compensation plan for 2015-16 will include a three percent salary increase; 1.5 percent will be applied systemwide and the other 1.5% will be handled by the campuses. There will be no significant changes to health benefits, except for campuses that have challenges with providers. There is the possibility of a UC Care HMO in the future.

Academic Council has created two new Task Forces through UCFW:

- Health Care
- Mental Health Care

The Committee of Two canceled their planning meeting on Research and Graduate Studies due to scheduling conflicts.

Academic Planning Council Update

The Chair told the committee that APC would be meeting in-person tomorrow and that it would need to agree upon the SSGDP Policy. The implementation section is critical, especially in terms of what CCGA has been discussing. UCPB has been saying that proposals don't specify enough in terms of space, equipment, etc., but there has been no guidance for proposers in this area.

Council of Graduate Deans Update

Committee member John Bolander sat in for Vice Chair Leppert at the most recent meeting. He reported the following highlights:

- UC LEADS (Leadership Excellence through Advanced Degrees) budget findings: Different campuses are receiving different amounts of money through this program. There is a need for better accounting. The campuses need to match the money, and the accounting of that matching is not done well.
- Enrollment growth: What is the appropriate size of graduate program- what percentage of PhDs

should there be relative to undergraduates? Compared AAUs, UC has the lowest percentage, particularly compared with Midwestern schools; there are some efforts to pull this up. However, the number cannot really increase because of faculty, resource, and space issues.

- There is concern that the post-doc system is “broken” at UC. Post docs are not getting enough mentoring, and there is little reliable data on what they do after they leave. UC has more than 6000 post docs, more than any other institution in the world. There is a recommendation that each campus have a post doc office that collects data (e.g., where they are from, exit surveys, long-term connections, quality of mentoring, career and professional development).

III. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership

Mary Gilly, Academic Council Chair

Dan Hare, Academic Council Vice Chair

The governor’s staff went to the BOARS, UCPB, UCEP meetings; the Committee of Two has not met since the first two meetings. It is not clear if governor is motivated by the topic of Research and Graduate Studies. His staff have been visiting the campuses to find out how to be more efficient. They are interested in undergraduate education and in speeding bodies through the process. Some of the governor’s staff brought forward:

- A different way of admitting students to the University, followed by an algorithm for campus distribution.
- Credentialing and “badging” – similar to Extension.
- Credit for outside work
- Accelerated graduation for students with AP credits.

Overall, there was some confusion for them as to the educational difference between UC and CSU.

ICAS Legislative Day recently was held in Sacramento with Legislative Aides and one Assembly member. They showed an interest in providing more funding for the University, but with lots of strings attached.

The Transfer Initiative is intended to help community college students who want to apply to multiple UCs. The University has identified 10 majors and had great success building the Initiative. Overall, the Initiative does not seem to have required very many changes on the campuses.

The Sexual Assault Task Force was composed of over 100 people, only two of whom were faculty. Mary and Dan have a number of concerns about the draft policy. It is unclear, and needs to be cleaned up to be internally consistent. As it stands now, it deals primarily with student-on-student sexual assault; the students are very pleased with it and are surprised that faculty have concerns.

IV. Briefing: UC MEXUS Sunset Review/Proposal Process

Kathleen Erwin, RGPO Director

Chris Spitzer, Research Initiatives Coordinator

Coordinator Spitzer reported that his group had completed the first draft of the template materials for the MRU and had met with the subcommittee comprised of CCGA and UCORP members to get their feedback. The proposal is for the continuation for the 15 year review – first part is backward-looking to catch a current snapshot. The second half is forward-looking. It highlights areas of research, education, training, and public outreach. He will be meeting with UCPB later this month and then will draft the final paper and will bring it to CCGA for final review.

V. Proposed Graduate Degrees and Programs for Review

- A. Proposal for an MS and PhD in Mathematical, Computational, and Systems Biology at UC Irvine -
Lead Reviewer Shauna Somerville

This is a new interdepartmental/interdisciplinary PhD/MS program. The program received high marks from its reviewers. It has adequate resources and space, a high-quality applicant pool, and strong placement prospects. Overall, it is a very well-thought out program, and the proposers did an excellent job of reporting back to the Lead Reviewer.

Action Taken: The proposal was approved with two abstentions.

- B. Proposal for Ph.D. in Education at UC San Diego – *Lead Reviewer Tania Israel*
The Lead Reviewer has three reviewers, one internal and two external. The proposal is moving forward.
- C. Proposal to establish a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Public Health Sciences at UC Davis – *Lead Reviewer David Salmon*
The program is billing itself as unique - rural public health in the Central Valley – but it doesn't address "rural." This issue has been raised by two reviewers. The Lead Reviewer will contact them about this and advise them to provide additional clarification.
- D. Proposal to establish a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Global Health Sciences at UC San Francisco – *Lead Reviewer Kathleen Hull*
The reviews have been excellent, the quality and academic rigor is good, the reviewers are satisfied with the budget and facilities, and they think that it will have a good applicant pool with great prospects. However, there are some concerns that the Lead Reviewer will relay back to the proposers so that they can respond in time for the next meeting.
- E. Proposal to establish a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Biostatistics at UC San Diego – *Lead Reviewer Alex Bui*
The Lead Reviewer has received three reviews, all of which are laudatory and positive. The external reviewer raised some concerns that the Lead Reviewer will forward to the proposers. He hopes to be able to vote in June.
- F. Proposal to establish a Master of Science (MS) in Business Analytics at UC San Diego – *Lead Reviewer Carol Burke*
The Lead Reviewer has received nine reviews so far, some of which were solicited by program itself. All were rigorous reviews, and all endorsed this growing field. The proposers did an excellent job responding to the nine reviewers, and there are no doubts about the academic quality program.
Action Taken: The proposal was approved with one abstention.
- G. Proposal to establish a Master of Science SSP in Applied Statistics at UC Los Angeles -- *Lead Reviewer John Bolander*
Per CCGA's request, the program's name has been changed to Master of Applied Statistics; the Lead Reviewer has three internal reviewers and one external reviewer. The Lead Reviewer will communicate with the proposers and report back at the next meeting.
- H. Proposal for a Master of Public Affairs SSP at UC Berkeley – *Lead Reviewer Karen Duderstadt*
The Lead Reviewer has sent out four requests for reviewers, and all have declined. She is awaiting responses from her latest requests.
- I. Proposal to establish a Master of Legal and Forensic Psychology SSP at UC Irvine – *Lead Reviewer Tania Israel*
This is a two-year online program that is modeled after a successful program that is related, but that won't compete with this one. After some discussion, the Lead Reviewer collected questions that she will take back to the proposers.
- J. Proposal to establish a Master of Earthquake Engineering SSP at UC Berkeley – *Lead Reviewer Valerie Leppert*

This is an online SSGPDP. The Lead Reviewer has received three reviews, and is waiting for responses from two additional reviewers. The reviews that have been received list some concerns, but are generally supportive.

- K. Proposal to establish a the Master's Entry Program in Nursing [MEPN] M.S.N. at UC Davis (SSGPDP) – *Lead Reviewer Rene Lysloff*
Professor David Lo has stepped in to represent UCR as Lead Reviewer. He sent his overview, which was quite thorough. The Chair asked that he write a letter to the proposers addressing the key issues, and that write to request three external reviewers.

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

Pamela Jennings, Graduate Studies Director

Todd Greenspan, Director of Academic Planning

Director Jennings talked about the Grad Slam and sent a link to members. The Grad Slam featured deans, students, and industry people; judges included the Provost, Regent Island, and the Mayor of Oakland. The event was a huge success and the students were phenomenal; the President was very engaged and the room was packed. The Directors noted that the whole point of the event is to make research accessible and that the students and the President did a wonderful job. There is a question as to how to better engage Humanities students. The program received a lot of good feedback, particularly regarding the live stream. The department is hoping this is something that will help draw some attention to graduate students and programs in the Committee of Two conversations.

VII. Campus Updates

UCD Davis – Is exploring International Joint Degree programs.

- 2020 Vision white paper from the Chancellor includes a proposal to be a global campus.
- There are preliminary plans for a MS program with the Netherlands.
- The goal is to provide a single diploma from both institutions.

The Chair remarked that the 2006 CCGA subcommittee on international options stated that campuses have to create a balanced program to cover the costs. There needs to be a clear, well-established relationship with faculty in top programs so that it is attractive to American students.

Questions were raised as to residency requirements, the internal Senate review process, and how faculty from both institutions control the program.

UC Merced – It is a challenge on the Merced campus to get reviewers for a proposal.

UC Berkeley – The Chancellor wants to establish global university. It is unclear what this means and what kind of faculty oversight it would have. It may not offer a UC degree, but would be a degree affiliated with Berkeley.