

## COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

**Minutes of Meeting**

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**I. Consent Calendar****A. Approval of the Agenda**

**Action Taken:** *The agenda was approved as noticed*

**B. UCLA Appendix V Action – establish a new School (UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music) and to redefine an existing School (UCLA School of Arts and Architecture)**

This is actually two items: one is creation of a new school (the UCLA School of Music), and other is redefining the existing school of Arts and Architecture, which consists of three departments (music, musicology and ethno-musicology) which would be moving into the new school.

**C. UCLA Appendix V Action – discontinue IDP in Moving Image Archive Studies**

This is a discontinuation of an IDP. It was started in 2000 and has since evolved, with different visions for its future moving forward. The IDP was not broad – it was based on two groups – Information Studies and Film, TV, and Media. Each program is now going to have an independent development.

**Action Taken:** *The consent items were approved.*

**II. Chair's Report**

- Academic Council Update – *Chair Jutta Heckhausen*
- Academic Planning Council Update

The Chair explained that there had been some concerns regarding the Open Access Policy and protecting the rights of graduate students. Everyone will have the opportunity to opt out – to not have their work included, or they can also choose an embargo period. The Copyright and Fair Use Policy was also discussed and finalized.

The Five-Year Perspectives for the Schools of Public Health were considered, and the APC concluded that UCI's proposal to found a School of Public Health in the near future made sense, thus giving UC two Schools of Public Health in northern California and two in southern California. UCSF will also be founding a School of Global Health.

The Chair said that an agreement had been reached about all of the important SSGPSP issues. The distinction between professional and academic programs, and the importance that SSPs not harm state-supported programs being the two most critical. Issues that continue to be discussed are faculty workload and accurate cost analysis. There need to be guidelines for faculty to estimate costs - a lot of proposals do not figure in space, facilities, etc. Financial accessibility goals also need to be addressed. They do not need to be at same level as state programs, but there needs to be a substantial financial aid component. There needs to be a determination as to how the programs will be monitored. It was agreed that each campus should engage in strategic planning for SSGPDPs. CCGA will want a statement in each proposal about how SSGPDPs will fit in with the overall campus strategic and financial objectives. The active campuses need to look at prioritizing and sequencing their programs, and the less active campuses should explore opportunities and overcome obstacles.

- Council of Graduate Deans Update – *Vice Chair Valerie Leppert*

The Vice Chair talked about review practices relative to mentoring and commented that they vary widely throughout the system; there has been discussion but not resolution. Members commented that the

opportunities for mentorship are not uniform across disciplines. That said, they also should be considered a very important aspect of a file. It can also be very difficult to get accurate student feedback on the quality of the mentorship.

The GSR bill is dead and will not move forward.

There is a push for enhanced student mental health services. However, it is not clear if graduate students are being included with the undergraduates with this or if the schools will be asked to make an investment on their own. Combining the two populations seems inappropriate, but it is unclear if graduate students have been considered individually at this time.

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

*Pamela Jennings, Graduate Studies Director*

*Kimberly Peterson, Manager – Academic Planning Analysis*

*Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst*

Director Jennings stated that the President mentioned Grad Slam on KQED, and it is still generating a lot of positive conversation.

Conversation.com is a website through which academics can submit articles. It allows them an opportunity to share research in an accessible way, and has launched in several countries. There are several UC faculty who have written for it, and many of their articles have been picked up. Graduate students are going to have an opportunity to publish there as well, so that their work can hopefully be picked up in a similar way.

The Director said that her office continues to work on the development of the Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) fellowship, in conjunction with CSU. Most of the CSU campuses have been designated as HSIs, as have four of the UCs. The two systems will be moving forward carefully to ensure the development of a solid plan.

### **IV. Briefing: UC MEXUS Sunset Review/Proposal Process**

*Kathleen Erwin, RGPO Director*

*Chris Spitzer, Research Initiatives Coordinator*

RGPO Director Erwin called the committee's attention to the two handouts that had been sent out electronically prior to the meeting. She stated that she believed that this was a version of the MRU that could move forward, but wanted to get CCGA's input first. She stated that if CCGA wanted small changes (as did the other groups), she would meet with the director to introduce him to the template and give him the summer to work on it. She would then return it in the fall to CCGA and will have a joint meeting with the director at that time.

**Action Taken: The draft MRU was approved 10-0-0.**

### **V. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership**

*Mary Gilly, Academic Council Chair*

*Dan Hare, Academic Council Vice Chair*

Council Chair Gilly remarked that members had likely been seeing a lot in the papers about the budget deal. In November, the budget included a five percent increase; however four percent of that would be removed if UC enacted a tuition increase. So the tuition increase was taken off the table. There is no residency tuition increase for the next two years, but the NRST can be increased up to eight percent annually. There is no money in the May revise for enrollment growth, but the governor has said that if the Legislature proposes it, he won't veto it.

The new issue is the change to UCRP in terms of introducing a third tier with a defined contribution plan, which – luckily -- Dan (Hare) and Jim (Chalfant, incoming Vice Chair) have been through before and understand well. The plan is a done deal, and the Regents and the Chancellors are happy with the change.

The Transfer Pathways plan involves 10 majors. Preliminary meetings were held in April. The concept is to streamline the system so that a community college student can apply to any of nine undergraduate programs and be successful in UC. Vice Chair Hare will be working on the next set of programs in 2015-16.

There are no plans for further Committee of Two (Governor Brown and President Napolitano) meetings for the time being. The main focus is the enrollment growth issue.

## **VI. Proposed Graduate Degrees and Programs for Review**

### **A. Proposal for Ph.D. in Education at UC San Diego – *Lead Reviewer Tania Israel***

The Lead Reviewer reported that most of the reviews have been positive and that nothing should keep the proposal from moving forward. The reviewers felt that the proposal had many strengths, but expressed concerns regarding the number of faculty and students needed. The Lead Reviewer will be sending the reviewers' recommendations/concerns to the proposers.

### **B. Proposal to establish a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Public Health Sciences at UC Davis – *Lead Reviewer David Salmon***

The Lead Reviewer has just received his fourth review; they were all very consistent. Everyone likes the general idea of the proposal. There was some concern that the idea of rural health was not well-reflected in the curriculum. He said he would forward that concern to the proposers and give them an opportunity to respond.

### **C. Proposal to establish a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Global Health Sciences at UC San Francisco – *Lead Reviewer Kathleen Hull***

The Lead Reviewer reported that all four reviews were in and all were supportive. A series of five issues were raised where clarification and additional information was needed, and the proposers responded well.

**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 10-0-1.**

### **D. Proposal to establish a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Biostatistics at UC San Diego – *Lead Reviewer Alex Bui***

The Lead Reviewer was able to communicate with the proposers and they responded thoroughly last week. All materials are in and seem appropriate.

**Action Taken: The proposal was approved 10-0-1.**

### **E. Proposal to establish a Master of Science SSP in Applied Statistics at UC Los Angeles – *Lead Reviewer John Bolander***

The Lead Reviewer hopes to have the reviews in to be able to vote on this proposal in July.

### **F. Proposal for a Master of Public Affairs SSP at UC Berkeley – *Lead Reviewer Karen Duderstadt***

The Lead Reviewer is still collecting information and reviews on this proposal.

### **G. Proposal to establish a Master of Legal and Forensic Psychology SSP at UC Irvine – *Lead Reviewer Tania Israel***

The Lead Reviewer said that there have been some questions directed to the proposers from the reviewers and that she had received some responses already from the proposers.

- H. Proposal to establish a Master of Earthquake Engineering SSP at UC Berkeley – *Lead Reviewer Valerie Leppert*

The Lead Reviewer said there has been some concern that the program will not reach its enrollment targets. However, it seems like a world-leading program that will do well. The proposers need to respond to the concerns, but the Lead Reviewer believes that CCGA will be able to vote to approve in July.

- I. Proposal to establish a Master's Entry Program in Nursing [MEPN] M.S.N. at UC Davis (SSGPDP) – *Lead Reviewer Rene Lysloff*

The Lead Reviewer commented that he had handed the proposal over to Professor David Lo and had not heard from him. The Chair asked Dr. Lysloff to contact Dr. Lo and ask him to send the committee an update.

- K. Proposal to establish a Master of Arts (4+1) in Art History at UC Irvine -- *Lead Reviewer Dar Roberts (incoming UCSB representative for 2015/16)*

## **VII. Campus Updates**

UCSD – Discussed the SSGPDP strategy paper sent by CCGA and was supportive of recommendations.

UCLA – Just redid its five-year planning and a lot of programs were changed from SSGPDP to PDST.

UCM – Looked at the CCGA strategy paper on SSGPDPs and will use it as guidance.

UCI – Is wondering how the SSGPDPs will effect undergraduate programs.

UCSF – Has put forward Global Health, but the other schools have not been very entrepreneurial.

UCSB – Does not have any SSGPDPs at this time.

UCSC – Does not have any SSGPDPs at this time.

UCB – Will discuss SSGPSPs in the fall and give them serious consideration.

UCR – May discuss SSGPSPs in the fall.