

## COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

## MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015

**I. Consent Calendar**

**Action:** The December agenda was approved.

**II. Vice Chair's Report**

Topics discussed at the Academic Council November meeting included updates on the Academic Council Special Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (ACSCANR) and the Retirement Benefits Task Force. UC will be adding 5,000 new undergraduate students with several million dollars from the state in support. The Vice Chair described issues related to the marginal cost of instruction, alternative credits and the Course ID system. Revisions to Senate Regulations (SRs) 417 and 621 were passed by Council. Council also approved UCAAD's request to revise SR 140 to add "Equity" to make this committee's charge broader and more inclusive. In addition, the Joint Committee on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment is being co-chaired by Senate Chair Hare.

The Council of Graduate Deans' met on November 19, 2015. The Deans discussed the structure of some questions on the student welfare survey, the location of the "important" (or actionable items) questions on the survey, as well as building on the structure of the current Berkeley survey. UCB conducted a similar survey last year which resulted in additional support for professional development contributed to graduate student welfare. An inter-campus exchange program for graduate students was also discussed at the Deans' meeting. This is a single enrollment system for undergraduate students, usually for online courses. With graduate students, the process is manual. A similar system can be developed for inter-campus exchange enrollment for graduate students. Finally, the date for the Graduate Research Advocacy Day changed from March 29 to March 16, 2016, since CSU planned to have their Legislative Day on March 29, 2016.

**III. Openness in Research**

- *Wendy Streit, Executive Director – Research Policy Analysis and Coordination*

Executive Director Streit provided copies of her slide deck which outlined the proposed changes to the policy on openness in research. The revision of the policy will be done slowly and there will be another draft for discussion. The point is to have one policy to cover the university's positions on publication and citizenship restrictions. The presentation covered publication and citizenship restrictions, current practices that are permitted under existing policies, pros and cons, and proposed parameters of allowable national security restrictions. The broad principles have flexibility, and there will be no abrupt changes, but a gradual creep. A possible new aspect of the policy would be the new "restrictions based on national security."

**Discussion:** The committee expressed support for a good policy that will be centralized. CCGA members indicated that it would be helpful to have an update after the policy has been implemented, specifically on its impact on research. Next steps include that Executive Director Streit will share drafts with Chair Dan Hare and Vice Chair Jim Chalfant, and will consider their guidance.

#### IV. UC MEXUS

- *Chris Spitzer, Program Officer, UC Research Initiatives*
- *Kathleen Erwin, Director, UC Research Initiatives*

Chair Valerie Leppert has been on a sub-committee regarding the UC MEXUS review and UCORP is the lead committee of this review. Director Erwin briefly described the contents of the packet that was included in the CCGA agenda. The review will be conducted until mid-January and comments will be provided through the CCGA Chair. The UC MEXUS Director will attend the UCORP February meeting and CCGA and UCPB members are invited to attend that session. Comments and questions will be collected until mid-January.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the portfolio review of UC MEXUS. The impact that awarding funding will have is not yet clear. Questions include whether funding should be by topic and whether Latino studies should be one of the mission goals. It was suggested that although the Mexican government provides more than half of the budget, it would be good to diversify the funding. This will be discussed again at CCGA's January meeting and members are encouraged to submit questions to be forwarded to the UCORP Chair before January 11, 2016.

#### V. Academic Senate Leadership Consultation

- *Dan Hare, Chair, Academic Senate*
- *Jim Chalfant, Vice Chair, Academic Senate*

The committee was joined by Senate Chair Hare and Vice Chair Chalfant, who provided updates on the Academic Council's November 2015 meeting along with other matters of interest. Vice Chair Chalfant briefly described ACSCANR and that CCGA should be concerned about the endowments that fund much of the graduate student research at UC. It is important that CCGA is aware of and monitoring what is happening with ACSCANR.

Chair Hare discussed the audit being conducted on the University. The auditors are interested in the rate of change and/if correct formula is being used for rebenchmarking, possible displacement of resident students by non-residents, and if non-residents compare favorably with residents. The auditor's report will be released in mid-budget season. The joint Senate/administration committee for faculty discipline is co-chaired by Senate Chair Hare. This committee is an outgrowth of the situation with Professor Marcy at UC Berkeley and it will examine systemwide policies, gaps and implementation flaws and produce a report by February 29, 2016.

The Regents want a new policy statement on intolerance. There are academic freedom and free speech issues, as well as policy and implementation issues related to this statement. Chair Hare attended a meeting at UCLA and heard from relevant experts and the work group will meet in two weeks to start drafting the statement. Funding is being requested for an increase 600 more graduate students to accommodate the 10,000 students over 4 years (5,000 / \$25million). The Regents are starting to ask if UC has the capacity to add 10,000 as this will require significant increases to the campus infrastructure, staff, and facilities. The University must enroll the additional 5,000 by May 1, 2016. It was suggested that CCGA invite Todd Greenspan to provide update about additional 600 graduate students.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the expected results of the audit and issues related to self-supporting degree programs (SSDPs). Questions about the SSDPs include how the extra income benefits the campuses, whether the SSDP revenue should remain at the campuses or be factored into the funding streams model, and the ongoing conflict with affordability and accessibility.

## VI. Proposed Graduate Degrees and Programs for Review

- PhD MA in Economics at UCM – Lead reviewer Jan DeVries (UCB)

The lead reviewer contacted several Economics faculty to review this proposal. Comments from four of them have been received. They all agreed to submit evaluations by end-December. This proposal will be reviewed at the January 2016 meeting.

- MS /PhD Interdisciplinary Energy Studies at UCD – Lead reviewer Dar Roberts (UCSB)

Five people have agreed to review; three at UC and two non-UC. Some reviews are due December 4<sup>th</sup> and others are due next month. CCGA may have all the reviews by February 2016.

- Master of Embedded and Cyber-Physical Systems at UCI – Lead reviewer Laurel Beckett (UCD)

The lead reviewer was notified about this assignment in November. Eight letters have been sent out and three people have responded positively. This proposal may be ready for CCGA in February 2016 if the reviews are submitted.

**Discussion:** Based on input from UCPB, the total amount of a fellowship (\$70,000) and aid (\$30,000) is lower than 10%. PDST are required 30% return-to-aid (RTA). The Vice Chair noted that 10-20% RTA of previous SSP proposals. Chair Leppert stated that it was discussed at the Academic Council meeting that the SSPs have different models of funding and it would be difficult to have a rigid RTA percentage.

- Master of Chinese Economic and Political Affairs at UCSD – Susan Charles (UCI)

Received by three people (2 internal). The reviewers favored the program. Hopefully, the fourth review will come in. There is a self-supported program. The main difference is the capstone project. It is a more competitive program that is more focused, and would serve 10 individuals at most. David Salmon stated that School name changed is to be more global and this Master's program is more focused and will be marketed in China.

**Discussion:** UCPB commented that the 2011 guidelines have been removed, and a new policy should be out soon. Issues include having graduate programs targeted toward recruitment groups and having a well-defined capstone project.

- Master of Human Computer Interaction and Design at UCI – Don Smith (UCSC)

The Lead Reviewer secured three reviews. A fourth review should be coming soon.

**Discussion:** UCPB comments were discussed. The committee discussed some reviewer concerns which will be sent back to the proposer, and the topic of confidentiality of the reviewers. There will be a January discussion about this at CCGA.

- MS in Pharmacology at UCI - Michael Coffey (UCR)

*The lead reviewer was unable to attend the meeting. This proposal was not discussed.*

- Master of Computer Science at UCI – Ioanna Kakoulli (UCLA)

This is a new SSP and a revised portion of the proposal was received by CCGA. Five UC and three non-UC possible reviewers were contacted, and one agreed. The review is waiting for five others to respond.

- Herb Alpert School of Music at UCLA – Kwai Ng (UCSD)

Three external reviews were received, and UCLA received two letters. According to the *Compendium*, two internal and two external reviews are needed. Vice Chair Ng recommends voting on the proposal.

**Discussion:** If there is any impact on Letters and Sciences, the possibility of an early review/progress review of about four years should be considered.

**Action:** The committee voted unanimously to approve the proposal to establish the Herb Alpert School of Music at UCLA, with a four-year early review. The vice chair will draft the CCGA approval letter by December 3rd and the chair will send the letter out Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

- MS Environmental Policy and Management at UCD – Michael Dawson (UCM)

*Via email:* have 3 reviews, 1 pending.

- MS Business Analytics at UCD – Jason Rock (UCSF)

*The lead reviewer was unable to attend the meeting.*

## **VII. Transfers, Consolidations, Disestablishment, and Discontinuances**

**Action:** The committee voted unanimously to approve to redefine the School of the Arts and Architecture by focusing on four complementary departments. Specifically, no shared governance or systemwide issues were identified, and the committee voted in favor of UCLA's proposal to transfer three departments and their associated graduate programs to the Herb Alpert School of Music: Musicology from the Division of Humanities/College of Letters and Science, and Music and Ethnomusicology from the School of the Arts and Architecture.

## **VIII. Proposed Graduate Degrees and Programs for Review (continued)**

- Master of Laws in American Law (LLM) at UCI [SSGPDP] – David Salmon (UCSD)

The UCPB review is still pending. All four reviewers are supportive of the program. Issues included (1) the minimum English requirement was significantly lower than top law schools and the program states that they will raise it, (2) imposing on faculty and staff and program responded that they are committed to staffing that will not affect the JD program, (3) impact on the culture and character of the law school and the program responded that UCI will monitor, and (4) tuition discounts to be competitive and the program responded that they are exploring tuition discounts.

**Action:** CCGA will share the reviews with UCPB reviewer and the chair to UCPB's Chair.

- Master Degree of Social Sciences (MaSS) at UCLA [SSGPDP] – Ken Kletzer (UCSC)

CCGA received UCPB's memo stating that this program satisfies SSP. The program responded to UCPB's concerns, and the lead reviewer is satisfied. Two reviews are positive.

**Action:** The committee voted unanimously to approve this proposal. UCLA abstained.

- MA in Teaching Asian Languages at UCLA – John Bolander (UCD)

The reviews are outstanding at this time.

- MA (4+1) in Art History at UCI – Dar Roberts (UCSB)

Four reviewers agreed to look at the proposal. One positive review already came in.

## **IX. Discussion of Issues at the Divisional Graduate Councils**

Irvine – There is a question about if the SSP Policy has been issued. Chair Leppert stated that the Academic Council should be issuing the revised policy soon.

Riverside – Chair Leppert reported on activities at UCR. There is a tri-campus PhD Classics program with Irvine, Riverside, and San Diego. Irvine suspended admissions without consultation of the other two campuses. The CCGA representative explained that there was a review at Irvine which found that the program is not in good shape. Irvine admits, pays, and houses these students.

**Discussion:** If there is an agreement about how resources are divided, CCGA needs more information on the formality/informality of this program, the joint executive committee that was described in the student brochure, and department's approach on the agreement. The CCGA Irvine representative will follow up.

#### **IX. Executive Session**

A brief executive session was held.

#### **X. New Business**

An update on UCM IIGPs was provided by Michael Dawson (UCM). UCM is in the process of turning their IIGPs to regular graduate programs. The current status is Mechanical Engineering will apply to establish its Ph.D. program in early January 2016. Late next semester, Public Health and Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences will submit proposal for review. Currently, Economics proposal is under review at CCGA. Public Health, Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences, Biological Engineering and Small-scale Technologies are under review/revision at UCM. Vice Chair Ng suggested starting an extension process for the remaining IIGPs now, but this decision is up to Merced Graduate Council.

CCGA decided to have a teleconference in January. Chair Leppert will ask for comments on the UC MEXUS topic before January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting adjourned at: 4pm**

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