

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

I. Consent Calendar

Action Taken: The day's Agenda and the Minutes of December 2015 and January 2016 were approved.

II. Chair's Report

The Chair explained that she and the Vice Chair would be taking turns attending the Academic Planning Committee, which was meeting concurrently with CCGA.

Academic Council has a monthly budget teleconference with OP leaders. The most recent call included the information that efforts are not looking promising to secure funding for additional graduate students to support instructional needs of increased undergraduate enrollment. The President's Office will continue to advocate for this funding from the legislature. Nathan Brostrom mentioned the need for student housing, and Chair Leppert reminded participants that there is a need for graduate student housing as well as undergraduate.

The UC Merced 20/20 partnership is a private/public effort that will be gaining more momentum and publicity in the months to come. Other initiatives, such as the budget framework implementation, time to degree, and transfer pathways continue apace. The University is also making good progress on a data system for identifying and tracking at-risk students.

The UC Mexus call was on January 12; it provided valuable information about how the program operates with regard to teaching and research. There will be a more detailed call with the director on February 8. Issues related to governance and how OP interacts with the program need further discussion. Vice Chair Ng asked if Latino Studies was part of the original mission and if it remained so. The response by some of the advisory committee members was helpful: the program does not provide money for Latino Studies per se, but if there is a topic that is of interest to both the US and Mexico, then it can be funded.

Academic Council involved some discussion about UCEP recommending the approval of alternative credit CLEP exams. The Council has asked for faculty review from the campuses and will collect their feedback. Course ID numbers (CIDs) have also been a major topic with considerable involvement and dialog with CSU. The Senate is also watching this closely. The Openness in Research discussion has received mixed reactions in Council. Many concerns were raised by the Division Chairs. The proposal will be put out for systemwide comment, and much of the anticipated response will likely deal with issues of possible discrimination and adequate support for addressing the compliance issues and increased risk that less open research entails. A separate administrative structure that is firewalled from the rest of the university may be more appropriate. The Chair reminded members that she would need feedback on the retirement plan options by 5PM the following day.

III. CoGD Update

UCD Representative Laurel Beckett reported on the last meeting, which was held on the Davis campus. The usual meeting was held, and then a secondary meeting was convened with representatives from student affairs. A number of topics were discussed - housing, mental health, quality of life, professional conduct - with students raising concerns about food security, diversity, campus climate, and fees. Chair Leppert remarked that she feels that the President wants to give additional attention to graduate students, and that local graduate councils should think about leveraging that goodwill. The issue of Standing Order 110.1 and which body has the authority to create graduate degrees was discussed. Chair Leppert and CoGD representative

Miller agreed that it might be helpful for CCGA to draft a formal communication on this topic.

At this time, Chair Leppert left for the APC meeting.

IV. Draft Policy on International Activities

Vice Chair Ng asked if the committee had any questions or comments regarding the draft policy. Many members expressed confusion as to the impetus behind such a policy and if OP was being fully forthright about its motivation to create one. The Vice Chair posited that the policy was generated from a risk-management perspective to help standardize expectations and processes for UC's many international activities. He said he would raise the question at APC and report back to the committee.

V. Announcements from Academic Affairs

Graduate Studies Director Jennings reported on a Wellness Survey (based on a survey held on the Berkeley campus) that OP hopes to launch systemwide in the spring. The survey will draw from a sampling of all graduate students, with attention paid to the differences between campuses on quarter and semester systems.

March 16 is Graduate Research Advocacy Day. The focus this year will be working to reinforce funding for graduate students and graduate programs. Director Jennings will report back on the day at the April meeting.

VI. New Proposals for Assignment

A. Proposal to establish a new MS and PhD in Computational Media at UC Santa Cruz

Action Taken: *Kwai Ng was assigned as Lead Reviewer.*

B. Proposal to establish a new MS and PhD in Mechanical Engineering at UC Merced

Action Taken: *Susan Charles was assigned as Lead Reviewer.*

C. Proposal to establish a new 4+1 BA/MA degree in Asian American Studies at UC Irvine

A Lead Reviewer will be assigned to this proposal at the March meeting.

VII. Proposed Graduate Degrees and Programs for Review

A. Proposal to establish a new Master of Embedded and Cyber-Physical Systems (MECPS) at UC Irvine [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer Laurel Beckett (UCD)*

One review is in, two more are promised in the next couple of weeks, and another will be in the end of the month. A fifth one might come through. UCPB expressed grave concerns about the proposal.

B. Proposal to establish a new Master of Science in Pharmacology at UC Irvine [SSGPDP] – *Lead Reviewer Michael Coffey (UCR)*

This review was delayed by personal issues. Five reviewers are secured and on track.

VIII. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership

Academic Senate Chair Dan Hare discussed the January Regents' meeting: approval of the Herb Alpert School of Music at UCLA, overcrowding at UC, the approval of a new student adviser position to the Regents, and enrollment figures. Discussion surrounding PDST was contentious and tabled. Enrollment figures were discussed, and Nathan Brostrom had a presentation on dormitories are intended to offer housing at 10 percent below market rates through a private/public partnership. The Intolerance Working Group has finished drafting its statement. It is likely to be brought to the Regents in March; the retirement options will be presented at the same time.

The President has reported that the leadership in the state Senate and Assembly want to work with UC this year. This was received very positively. UC needs to be more aware of the political processes going on in the state legislature. UCB is concerned about cybersecurity measures that were put in place over the summer.

UCAADE has brought forward recommendations regarding the Presidential Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program, and Council has approved them. They have gone forward to the Provost for review. Senate deadline for comments on the Retirement Options Task Force is Friday. A statement will be presented to Assembly on the 10th.

At this time, Chair Leppert returned from the APC meeting

IX. Proposed Graduate Degrees and Programs for Review (continued)

- C. Proposal for Master of Science (M.S. Plan I & II) and Ph.D. Degree (Plan B) in Interdisciplinary Energy Studies at UC Davis – *Lead Reviewer Dar Roberts (UCSB)*

The four reviews received have been highly positive about the basic concept, however there is some concern that this would not be housed in an academic unit. This issue was also raised by UCPB, as well as concern that non ladder-rank faculty would be listed. The different requirements for management and non-management tracks were discussed, and mention was made of the relative weakness of the management track.

- D. Proposal to establish a new Master of Computer Science at UC Irvine [SSGPDP]
- *Lead Reviewer Ioanna Kakoulli (UCLA)*

The Lead Reviewer had concerns about faculty overload and also agreed with UCPB's expressed concerns. She contacted the proposer, who was very responsive and immediately made changes. The Lead Reviewer has experienced difficulty getting reviewers; she currently has two external and one internal, and is working find a fourth.

- E. Proposal to establish a new Ph.D. and M.A. (in lieu or en route) in Economics within the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts at UC Merced – *Lead Reviewer Jan DeVries (UCB)*

After the January meeting, the Lead Reviewer sent a letter to Merced, but has not heard back from the campus yet. The letter primarily focused on three areas on which the reviewers were agreed: 1. Focus: the four specific areas - all of which seem to be in microeconomics – would not adequately prepare students in the general concepts; 2. Start up: how is the program going to get off the ground with a small faculty, small student body, and a large number of courses; 3. Resources: the program would need to grow quickly and would find it difficult to compete.

- F. Proposal to establish a new Master of Chinese Economic and Political Affairs (MCEPA) at the Graduate School for International Relations and Pacific Studies at UC San Diego [SSGPDP]
– *Lead Reviewer Susan Charles (UCI)*

Discussion on this proposal, which had taken place in January, was finalized with input from UCPB.

Action Taken: The proposal was approved 9-0-1.

- G. Proposal to establish a new Master of Science Degree in Environmental Policy and Management at UC Davis – *Lead Reviewer Michael Dawson*

The Lead Reviewer has received all four reviews; the external reviewers were very positive, while the UC reviewers were slightly more critical. The program seems rushed and does not offer a lot of depth of experience. The proposal probably will need to go back for some reasonable revisions. The proposers need to justify the applicability as a Master program given that it is only a year long; they need to provide more rationale. The Lead Reviewer will draft a response and send it to CCGA for input.

- H. Proposal to establish a new Master of Science in Business Analytics at UC Davis [SSGPDP]
– *Lead Reviewer Jason Rock (UCSF)*

Three reviews are in and one is in progress. Thus far, all reviewers think it is a very timely proposal, and their feedback is overwhelmingly positive with a few exceptions. Conversely, the UCPB report was not supportive. The committee discussed the issues of return-to-aid and (separately) enrollments that are

predominantly foreign or out-of-state. The discussion regarding return-to-aid and its consistent implementation will continue outside of this proposal.

I. Proposal to establish a new Master of Human Computer Interaction and Design at UC Irvine [SSGPDP]
- *Lead Reviewer Don Smith (UCSC)*

The proposal was reviewed by five experts – all top-notch faculty – and all five recommended that it go forward. The proposers responded point-by-point to any questions that were raised, and the revised proposal more than adequately addressed the reviews. A straw poll was taken and all members were in favor of approval of the program, subject to the UCPB review and program response to it being satisfactory. A final vote will be taken by email when they are both received in order to expedite approval due to impending WASC review of the program.

Proposals Continued from 2014-15

A. Proposal to establish a Master of Laws in American Law (LL.M.) at UC Irvine [SSGPDP]
- *Lead Reviewer David Salmon (UCSD)*

The Lead Reviewer discussed the feedback regarding proposal and the campus response. Two issues were raised by UCPB: the cost of the program seems high with very low return to aid, and the provision of facilities. The proposal was tabled until next month to get more detail regarding the proposal's financial plan, particularly return to aid, and the quality of the training.

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

This proposal effort is under new leadership (the original author retired) and is being revised in response to the substantive concerns raised in May, 2015 by CCGA. It should stay on the CCGA agenda.

C. Proposal to establish a Master of Arts in Teaching Asian Languages at UCLA
- *Lead Reviewer John Bolander (UCD)*

The Lead Reviewer commented that the most recent revisions to the proposal were a bit superficial. He raised several questions about the proposal that remain unanswered: What are the job prospects for this program? Will there be two categories - those who have language fluency, and those who don't? What are the candidate sites for practicum? Is three quarters a long enough time for the course? The proposers plan to expand to other Asian languages in the future, but this is not in the proposal. The Lead Reviewer will draft a letter informing the proposers of the problems and the urgency of promptly and definitively addressing them.

D. Proposal to establish a Master of Arts (4+1) in Art History at UC Irvine
- *Lead Reviewer Dar Roberts (UCSB)*

This is a terminal masters with 11 courses and 44 units. The five reviews – three internal, two external – have all been received and are highly favorable. The program leads to a highly feasible career path and features quality faculty. The course load seemed high, and the proposers cut it back to nine courses and the thesis to 20 pgs.

Action Taken: *The proposal was approved 8-0-1.*

X. Discussion of Issues at the Divisional Graduate Councils and New Business

A. Update on the Tri-Campus Classics Program

UCI is working to resolve this issue with the other campuses. There will be more discussion in March.

XI. Executive Session (Committee Members Only)

No minutes are taken during Executive Session.