

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Minutes of Teleconference Meeting

Wednesday, January 6, 2015

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

I. Chair's Report & Consent Calendar - Chair Valerie Leppert

The agenda was approved; the Chair will make some changes to the draft minutes and will circulate them for review.

Academic Council Report

Chair Leppert reported on the topics discussed at the Academic Council meeting in December. In addition to approval of formation of the Herb Alpert School of Music at UCLA, these included progress by the Regents Work Group on Intolerance; the Joint Committee on Sexual Violence, Assault, and Harassment; and the Retirement Benefits Task Force. Chair Leppert will send a link to the public website on the retirement benefits task force. It is very informative and provides good insight and background on this very complex issue.

Academic Planning Council (APC) Report

In February, there will be a meeting of the directors of systemwide instructional programs (UCDC, UCCS, UCEAP, ILTI, and NRS). The purpose is to get an idea of the challenges and opportunities of these programs, as well as discussing common issues that might arise for systemwide instructional programs and budget. Chair Leppert asked members to relay any insights into - or concerns about - the challenges and opportunities with these programs from their graduate councils.

The UC System needs a policy regarding international activities – what is appropriate and inappropriate, and what kinds of approvals are necessary. A draft policy will be circulated and reviewed after initial vetting by OP staff and UC senior managers. The draft incorporates a triage table that rates levels of concern for different activities; it seems to be an effective tool in this process. Chair Leppert pointed out that one factor that seems to be missing in the initial review is someone involved in field activities overseas. She suggested that OP engage someone in the field research arena. A member suggested that UC Mexus should be a part of the policy planning since it would include both anthropology and field science.

Another issue was enrollment planning. During APC, the Chair asked AVP Obley about the requirement to admit additional undergraduates. OP was trying to negotiate for graduate students to accompany the requisite undergraduates, but that it is not looking promising.

The Chair will ask at the next APC meeting for an update on the status of the SSGPDP Policy and implementation plan.

II. Vice Chair's Report -- Vice Chair Kwai NgCouncil of Graduate Deans Report

Vice Chair Ng noted that the December 9 Council of Graduate Deans meeting was short. The

Student Welfare Survey is going to be conducted on all campuses. The survey has been revised and reshuffled a bit, and UCOP likely will do some further tests and then make some changes so that it can administer the survey.

The system is having difficulty calculating a budget for graduate students. The campuses use different data to collect and calculate the cost of grad students, so they each have numbers that are based on slightly different models and different standards for housing, etc.

The UC/CSU doctoral Pre-Doctoral Program is designed to increase the pool of potential faculty by supporting the doctoral aspirations of California State University (CSU) students who have experienced economic and educational disadvantages. The program places a special emphasis on increasing the number of CSU students who enter doctoral programs at one of the University of California (UC) institutions. There are 85 CSU students eligible for the proposed UC/CSU fellowship this year.

The Davis representative will attend the next CoGD meeting, which will be held on the Davis campus.

III. UC MEXUS

Kathleen Erwin, Director – UC Research Initiatives

Chris Spitzer, Coordinator – UC Research Initiatives

Director Erwin informed the committee that the UC Mexus review is underway. A formal presentation will be made to UCORP on Monday February 8; other interested parties are invited to attend in person or via video or audio conference. The CCGA chair is part of a subcommittee that has been working on questions for the UC MEXUS team. On January 12, the subcommittee will conduct three phone interviews with program participants. CCGA members have been invited to contribute questions for interviews and to participate in them.

Committee members raised questions regarding possible ways to increase UC participation, the functionality of the advisory board, grants that were distributed by campus and by disciplinary area, and how to best present the proposal data.

Chair Leppert encouraged members to submit any questions or suggestions regarding the review, and that she would forward them to the UCORP chair prior to the January 12 interviews.

IV. 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)*

All the reviewers have responded and seem to think that the proposal had a number of strengths. The quality of the faculty seemed strong and the program design should be able to differentiate itself within the market. With one exception, the classes will not include students from the regular JD program. It is expected to have a steady stream of 100 students within a couple of years, mainly from Korea and China. Concerns raised by the reviewers were addressed by the proposers. UCPB raised three issues: 1) the teaching load is not likely to be sustainable; 2) the proposal does not say how facilities would be impacted; 3.) this would be a

for-profit program, not merely self-sustaining. Members discussed issues that still need additional clarification (such as faculty teaching overloads, classroom use, the tuition discount, and the impact on the state-supported JD. The lead reviewer will ask the program for a response on them and report back to the committee in February.

B. Proposal to establish a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Public Health Sciences at UC Davis –

Lead Reviewer David Salmon

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)

This proposal is under revision by the program proposers. They hope to have a revised proposal to CCGA for discussion at the February meeting.

D. Proposal to establish a Master of Arts (4+1) in Art History at UC Irvine -

Lead Reviewer Dar Roberts (UCSB)

Reviews are still pending for this proposal.

V. Proposed Graduate Degrees and Programs for Review

A. 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)

Four reviews have been received, and all were very positive. This is designed to be a specialty program, enrolling about 10 students per year. UCSD has many of the largest and deepest clusters of Chinese scholars in the US. The program was initially proposed as state-supported but was told that state-funded masters' programs were no longer being supported. The proposal includes 30 percent back in aid, and has a unique and intensive capstone project. The career prospects look very positive. The committee discussed concerns about classes and resources shared between SSGPDP and state-supported programs. The general sense is that these concerns would have been addressed at the campus level. There did not appear to be any concerns with regard to the capstone project, but facilities/ space may not be adequately addressed. The committee is awaiting input from UCPB.

Action Taken: *The proposal was provisionally approved (8-0-1) pending input from UCPB.*

B. 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)

The Lead Reviewer said that he had received four letters and that they shared concerns. Reviewers worried that the program faculty is too small and too junior, and that this could lead to problems in the department's stability. It needs a credible campus commitment in order to grow. They were also concerned that the program is too focused on applied micro-economics, and that there is a relative absence of expertise in the department and training in macro-economics. The lead reviewer will communicate with the campus and ask for a response for a week before CCGA's February meeting.

- C. **Proposal to establish a new Master of Science Degree in Environmental Policy and Management at UC Davis** – *Lead Reviewer Michael Dawson (UCM)*
Nearly all reviews have been received and this proposal will be ready for discussion in February.
- D. **Proposal to establish a new Master of Science in Business Analytics at UC Davis [SSGPDP]** – *Lead Reviewer Jason Rock (UCSF)*
This proposal was not discussed.
- E. **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)*
Reviews are still underway for this proposal.
- F. **Proposal to establish a new Master of Embedded and Cyber-Physical Systems (MECPS) at UC Irvine [SSGPDP]** – *Lead Reviewer Laurel Beckett (UCD)*
Reviews are coming in and seem positive thus far.
- G. **Proposal to establish a new Master of Human Computer Interaction and Design at UC Irvine [SSGPDP]** – *Lead Reviewer Don Smith (UCSC)*
This proposal was not discussed.
- H. **Proposal to establish a new Master of Science in Pharmacology at UC Irvine [SSGPDP]** – *Lead Reviewer Michael Coffey (UCR)*
This proposal was not discussed.
- I. **Proposal to establish a new Master of Computer Science at UC Irvine [SSGPDP]** – *Lead Reviewer Ioanna Kakoulli (UCLA)*
This proposal was not discussed.

VI. Discussion of Issues at Local Graduate Councils

- Tri-campus Classics Program

The committee discussed issues surrounding UCI's recent actions related to a three-campus classics graduate program of which it is part. There are some concerns that Irvine has decided to suspend admissions from its campus. There are resources involved, and classes that will not be offered if Irvine steps away from the agreement. OP and campus staff have been working to find reference materials for the program, including the original proposal and a presidential policy regarding intercampus programs. Irvine asserts that it will not be forbidding classes to occur; other campuses can continue to offer classes and admit students.

Members discussed if and how CCGA might need to undertake action. The Chair suggested that the CCGA guidelines for discontinuance could be used as a template to determine if systemwide issues are involved. Should the chairs of classics discuss the situation? Should CCGA reach out to the graduate councils and ask them to discuss the issue with their respective departments and report back to CCGA? The Chair proposed that CCGA establish a subcommittee and write a letter to encourage the campuses to begin resolution through the grad councils and program chairs right away. The subcommittee (composed of Chair Leppert, Jan DeVries, and Donald Smith) will be available to facilitate if needed.

VII. Executive Session

No minutes are taken during executive session.

The teleconference meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Fredye Harms, Committee Analyst

Attest: Valerie Leppert, Committee Chair