

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

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

Action Taken: *The agenda and minutes were approved as noticed.*

II. Chair's Report

- Academic Council Update
- VAWA Policy Draft Update
- Academic Planning Council Update
- ASCANR Update
- UCR MRU
- CoGD Update

Chair Leppert informed the committee that as Chair of CCGA she just learned that she would be serving on the University's systemwide computing committee. She would share any developments or concerns with the committee as they arose.

The Chair discussed Academic Council and the Sexual Violence/Sexual Harassment (formerly VAWA) policy and the concerns around the responsibility of graduate students in the policy. She said that details will need to be refined on the campus level and urged members to talk to their administration and ensure that graduate student training is adequate. She said that this policy has a lot of overlap with other existing policies regarding faculty in the context of sexual violence and harassment. There will be a joint administrative/Senate committee that will be working on implementation and on fielding questions to the correct people.

The Vice Chair added that it is a very complicated topic because it is both criminal and civil and the new policy under review puts more emphasis on training and education; the interim policy was more harsh. The interim policy was more focused on the liability and the new one is focused on the training.

The Chair introduced the new CCGA Student Representative Zhixun (Jason) He, a first year grad student studying Chemistry and Biochemistry at UC Merced. She reminded the committee that the principal job of CCGA is reviewing proposals for graduate programs across the system but that it should also pay attention to graduate student issues and to issues brought forward by the student representatives. She has asked Director Pamela Jennings if she can make some time at each meeting to look at graduate student issues, even though the agenda is very impacted.

The Chair explained that the Academic Planning Council (APC) is a committee that advises the Provost and is composed of administrators, senate members, and budget representatives. The past few years, it has been concerned about SSGPDPs and what policy should have in place to govern them. She expressed concern about the implementation of these programs and their financial and educational impact on the University's traditional courses, faculty assignments, and research mission. She added that it would be desirable if the new VP of ORGS (as yet to be hired) had experience with SSPs and could help the University through this sea change. Another concern that might be brought before the Program Council is the discontinuance of programs that have not enrolled students for five years or more. She said that it might be helpful to have a practice that would allow for "automatic" discontinuation or hibernation process for inactive programs.

The Vice Chair discussed the recent CoGD meeting. He stated that the first meeting of the year had just taken place and was a forum to discuss campus wide issues related to graduate education in general. The Provost and the President attended the meeting, which covered a list of topics including Grad Slam, part-time enrollment of graduate students, and government relations. CSU wants to start more graduate programs, which is not allowed through the Master Plan, but the boundaries are becoming increasingly blurred.

The Council of Graduate Schools is considering conducting a doctoral alumni survey and a graduate student well-being survey; it is unclear what the end gain of the data collection would be. The Vice Chair spoke briefly about the UC LEAD program, which identifies qualified upper-division undergraduates and offers them opportunities to help prepare them for STEM graduate work. He discussed the reports given by the Provost and President; the President has the discretionary power to raise PDST on her own and she and the Provost made it clear that it will not automatically increase in the future - all increases will be heavily scrutinized. In regards to the new UC budget with "strings attached", the President said that she wanted the legislature to consider 5K students, not 5K undergrads, but that approach may encounter political resistance.

III. Graduate Student Mental Health

Ms. Fleming stated that the initial funding for focused student mental health efforts had come through a grant that was meant to be preventative in nature and focus on outreach. It was effective in that more students came to get services, but there were not always enough people to help to help them; there was a deficit of staff and an increase in need. There can be a many-week delay for appointments. Urgent appointments are always available,, but those visits impact the regular appointment schedule.. Student Affairs went to the Regents about a year ago and shared this information; they asked the staff to come back in January with a comprehensive list to provide adequate services. The initial cost was very high, but was pared down to \$17.5 M. The objectives were to reduce wait times, approximate successful staff/student ratios, and operate in the most cost-efficient fashion. Starting this year, the student fees will increase five percent each year and half to fund student mental health. On the short term, that doesn't translate into too many positions, but UCOP put in a loan program so that campuses could hire staff immediately and then repay OP out of student fee increase in later years. Ms. Fleming's office is working to make sure that campus reporting systems will consistent and can be accurately compared with other data from institutions.

Ms. Fleming will return to the committee in February to update the committee and solicit ideas and input.

Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership

Chair Hare observed that there are likely to be some remaining issues still in the VAWA policy. The Transfer Streamline meetings have all occurred and faculty are on the campuses departments will be evaluating by November 13. The Retirement Options Task Force will probably move very quickly in the next six weeks. The Senate tried to preserve UCRP viability, tried to demonstrate cost savings, and also worked to preserve total rem to the extent it could be. The existing plan is as efficient as it can be; the sources of savings are reduced contributions to UCRP or reduced benefits for those who are hired after July 1 2016. Currently, the Senate is investigating Common ID (CID) equivalent courses. It is looking to see if UC can identify CID tags for some courses, but there is some skepticism from faculty; there is a possibility of using sequence tags instead of course tags.

Chair Hare discussed developments related to Professor Marcy from the Berkeley campus and the implications for the Senate and the system. He informed the committee that legal representation is well-established for the administration, the defendant, and for the P&T Chair and that a joint committee for discipline will be meeting shortly.

IV. Proposals Continued from 2014-15

- A. Proposal to establish a Master of Laws in American Law (LL.M.) at UC Irvine [SSGPDP]
Professor Salmon now has three letters, and a fourth person has agreed to review and respond within two weeks. All reviews thus far have been very supportive.
- B. Proposal to establish a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Public Health Sciences at UC Davis
The original proposer retired, and there has been no information from the campus as to their intent. CCGA will send a formal notice to the campus to see if it should be taken off the agenda.
- C. Proposal to establish a Master's Entry Program in Nursing [MEPN] M.S.N. at UC Davis [SSGPDP]
Action Taken: The proposal was approved 10-1-0.
- D. Proposal to establish a Master Degree of Social Sciences (MaSS) at UCLA [SSGPDP]
Professor Kletzer said that the reviewers were supportive of the program. He was awaiting response from UCPB to write his final review and summary.
- E. Proposal to establish a Master of Arts in Teaching Asian Languages at UCLA
After discussion, it was decided that CCGA should write a letter to the proposers expressing its concerns.
- F. Proposal to establish a Master of Arts (4+1) in Art History at UC Irvine
Professor Roberts stated that the proposal had some weaknesses perhaps not quite ready for review. He sent his concerns to the chair of the department. Chair Leppert suggested that the campus could either quickly redo the proposal with new information incorporated, or just include it as a supplement with a cover letter.

V. Transfers, Consolidations, Disestablishment, and Discontinuances

- A. Proposal to transfer the PhD in Ethnic Studies from the Ethnic Studies Graduate Group to the Department of Ethnic Studies and to disestablish the Ethnic Studies Graduate Group at UC Berkeley
Action Taken: The proposal was approved 12-1-0.
- B. Proposal to change the name of the Health Services and Policy Analysis Graduate Group and PhD Program to Health Policy at UC Berkeley
Action Taken: The proposal was approved 12-1-0.
- C. Proposal to discontinue the joint degree program at UC Santa Barbara leading to the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.
Action Taken: The proposal was approved 12-1-0.
 - **Note:** The handbook should be edited to include guidance for the disestablishment of joint PhD programs.
- D. Proposal to change the name of the M.A. and Ph.D. in Psychology to Psychological and Brain Sciences at UC Santa Barbara
Action Taken: The proposal was approved 12-1-0.
- E. Proposal to redefine the School of the Arts and Architecture by focusing on four complementary departments (Art; Architecture and Urban Design; Design/Media Arts; and World Arts and Cultures/Dance) and transferring two departments (Ethnomusicology and Music) to the proposed UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music.

The Vice Chair noted that this proposal is tied to item F in the next section. He and the UCLA

representative discussed the process that took place on the campus. Both agreed that the local grad council seemed to have been fully consulted and that it was a friendly process. A new dean's office will need to be established to oversee the three departments.

VI. Proposed Graduate Degrees and Programs for Review

Brief updates were provided on proposal A-E and G-J.

- 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]
- 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
- C. Proposal to establish a new Master of Science Degree in Environmental Policy and Management at UC Davis
- D. Proposal to establish a new Master of Science in Business Analytics at UC Davis [SSGPDP]
- E. Proposal for Master of Science (M.S. Plan I & II) and Ph.D. Degree (Plan B) in Interdisciplinary Energy Studies at UC Davis
- F. Proposal to Establish the Herb Alpert School of Music at UC Los Angeles
The Vice Chair referred to previously-discussed redefinition to which this proposal is tied. One external and one internal reviewer have responded thus far, and the outcome has been mixed. The Chair pointed out that CCGA is the lead committee in establishing a new school, but is not the only participant: both UCEP and UCPB also look at new school proposals. The committee agreed to meet via teleconference on December 9 if the proposal was still outstanding after the December meeting.
- G. Proposal to establish a new Master of Embedded and Cyber-Physical Systems (MECPS) at UC Irvine [SSGPDP]
- H. Proposal to establish a new Master of Human Computer Interaction and Design at UC Irvine [SSGPDP]
- I. Proposal to establish a new Master of Science in Pharmacology at UC Irvine [SSGPDP]
- J. Proposal to establish a new Master of Computer Science at UC Irvine [SSGPDP]

VII. UC Mexus Update/Discussion

Director Erwin asked the committee to look at the review timeline and see if it seemed realistic. UCORP is the lead committee for this proposal, but guidance related to MRUs is in the CCGA Handbook. Mr. Spitzer noted that they had received the completed template in September, and that half the template goes into detail about what they plan to do over the next five years. The Research Office is now collecting information for the committee to use in its review. Final findings and recommendations will be drafted by UCORP and will go to Council and the VP of Research. Chair Leppert told the committee to consider what the MRU is doing for grad education that would otherwise not be done and what makes it unique. The program should supplement graduate education in a meaningful way.

VIII. Update on the status of UCM's IIGPs.

- A. This memo is in response to a request made by former CCGA chair Heckhausen in July 2015.
- B. CCGA Handbook Updates Approved Last Year

These items were postponed until next month due to lack of time.

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

These items were not discussed due to lack of time.

X. Provost's Update on the VP ORGS Position

The Provost distributed the final draft job description for the VP ORGS position and stated that a search committee had been created for the position. The committee is fairly large and representative, committee and it come up with a short list of finalists who will then meet with relevant senior administrators. She noted that the new description reflected changes made by the Graduate Deans, and that the VP will need to collaborate with the government relations staff. The SVP will report to President and VP will report to the Provost. ORGS will continue to have all of the grants, competition, and oversight for long term research, etc. The Chair mentioned that it would be helpful to have a VP who had experience with SSGPDPs and could help the University with the issues they raise.

XI. Executive Session (Committee Members Only)

No minutes are taken during executive session.

Adjourned 4:06