

Graduate Council (GC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 12, 2014

I. Chair's Report – Professor Valerie Leppert

- Academic Honesty Task Force (1/30)

Chair Leppert was unable to attend the meeting and ALO Martin who is also part of the Task Force provided an update. ALO Martin reported that the task force discussed the main issues and identified areas where additional input will be needed in order to revise the Academic Honesty Policy. Next stage for this group will be gathering data from faculty, staff and students. The task force is interested in not only revising the academic honesty policy but creating a culture that reinforces academic integrity.

- CCGA (2/5)

Chair Leppert reported on the main CCGA discussion items summarized below:

- CCGA approved the Interdisciplinary Humanities CCGA Proposal.
- Proposition 209- The UC Davis Representative brought up a concerns regarding how Prop 209 is being interpreted at their campus. Pamela Jennings is now working on this issue as UCOP would like to make sure diversity is considered in a broad perspective. CCGA members suggested using the UCB diversity and inclusion website as a good model for how issues are handled.
- Self-Supporting Programs: CCGA members were concerned with the continuity of the rates proposed for Self-Supporting programs and the potential impact on state supported mission of the university. Members recommended establishing a tracking mechanism that would track demographics and background of individuals who participate in SSPs.

- Strategic Academic Focusing Initiative Update

GC Chair Leppert asked members if they received the message sent from Provost/EVC on February 11. As not all GC members received the communication, Chair Leppert sent the email to all members. Provost/EVC Peterson's message indicated that based on the first round of proposals, the Working Group identified nine proposed campus research themes and the objective for the second round of proposals would be to develop coordinated initiatives within the nine themes.

- Vice Provost of Graduate Education/Dean of the Graduate Division Committee Search Update
Chair Leppert stated that the Search Committee provided their feedback to the Search Committee Chair Dean Meza and Provost/EVC Peterson on the candidates that were interviewed.

II. GC Representative- Professor Kathleen Hull

- Vice Chair Hull informed members that the Joint Senate-Administration Library Working Group submitted their final report to Senate Chair López-Calvo and Provost/EVC Peterson.

- Discussion Item: DivCo/FWDAF with Chancellor Leland, Cori Lucero and Paul Brown (2/5)

Vice Chair Hull conveyed that the Joint DivCo/FWDAF meeting started with a brief overview of the bill (as introduced) and Chancellor Leland began the conversation with a statement that the

meeting was only a starting point of discussion for medical education at UCM. Paul Brown followed with a synopsis of the documents drafted by HSRI and recommended that UCM establish a joint model similar to UC Berkeley's for medical education. As a result of the discussion, Senate Chair López-Calvo agreed to establish a formal Senate task force for medical education planning.

Graduate Council reviewed the documents provided at the Joint DivCo and FWDAF meeting on February 5, 2014. In general, members appreciated the opportunity to read through the potential prospects and discussion of medical education at UC Merced. However, GC had some concerns regarding the formation of this task force, and its resulting efficacy in developing a useful plan in moving forward with medical education.

Action: Senate Analyst will draft memo and circulate for committee feedback. GC Chair will consolidate member comments and send memo to Senate Chair López-Calvo.

III. Consent Calendar

- The agenda was approved as presented.
- The revised Submission Deadlines for CCGA Proposals were unanimously approved as presented.
- The draft January 22 meeting minutes and draft program review notification memos were removed from the consent calendar.

IV. Systemwide Review Item:

A. Proposed revisions to the Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition Policy (PDST) and new Presidential Implementation Protocols

Graduate Council was asked to comment on the proposed revisions to the PDST Policy and new presidential implementation protocols for President Napolitano. The draft policy is a result of the recommendations by the University PDST Task Force.

Members discussed the revised PDST and the major questions/concerns are summarized below:

- The academic and financial arguments for what type of programs fall under the PDST vs. SSGPDP policy are not clear.
- Given recent issues with PDST fee increase approvals, many such programs may want to convert to SSGPDPs. Further articulation of how this will be handled would seem desirable.
- With more PDST and SSGPDP programs anticipated to be coming on-line in future, how will the state-supported mission of the university and support of the state for the university, be impacted?
- In line with Graduate Council's recommendations for the SSGPDP policy, tracking mechanisms should be put into place to ensure monitoring and early rectification of any accessibility issues or impacts on parallel state-supported programs.
- Consultation of the Academic Senate, through its standing committees, should be sought when existing State-Supported programs consider conversion to PDST status, to ensure it is an appropriate program for the PDST funding model. This is an academic question,

rather than just a financial one, so senate consultation would seem to be appropriate and advisable.

Action: GC will send memo to Senate Chair López-Calvo by February 14, 2014.

V. Campuswide Review Item: COR Review Process for Research Units

Action: Senate Analyst will send members the proposed Review Process for Research Units via email. Comments will be compiled and discussed on March 7.

VI. Draft Graduate Council Committee Manual

Action: Graduate Council will review the draft committee manual via email and discuss committee comments on March 7, 2014.

VII. Graduate Regulations

Action: Graduate Council will review the draft graduate regulations on March 7, 2014.

VIII. Executive Session- GC Members Only

No minutes were recorded for this portion of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Valerie Leppert, Chair

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