

## **Review Process for Proposals for CSU & UC JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Proposals for new doctoral degree programs to be offered jointly by CSU and UC\* should follow the guidelines in the *Handbook for the Creation of CSU/UC Joint Doctoral Programs* approved by the CSU/UC Joint Graduate Board on June 21, 2001 ([www.ucop.edu/acadinit/uccsu/jointdochandbook030502.htm](http://www.ucop.edu/acadinit/uccsu/jointdochandbook030502.htm))

### ***Permission to Negotiate***

The CSU campus and UC campus request their respective system offices for "permission to negotiate." An expression of interest in and the rationale for a joint doctoral program is submitted by the CSU campus to the Academic Program Planning office at the CSU Office of the Chancellor, and by the UC campus to the Academic Affairs Division at the UC Office of the President. The initial expression of interest contains an indication of program need and supporting evidence of the requesting department's ability to offer the appropriate instruction. Approved requests to negotiate allow the campuses to develop a joint doctoral program proposal.

### ***Planning***

Before the joint doctoral proposal may be submitted to the UC and CSU system offices, the proposals require approvals from the:

1. relevant disciplinary Deans at the CSU and UC campuses
2. Graduate Council at the UC campus
3. divisional Academic Senate at the UC campus
4. CSU campus academic senate, curriculum committees, and all other requirements that apply at that CSU campus.
5. President at the CSU campus and the Chancellor at the UC campus

### ***Systemwide Review***

The final proposal is sent to the Provost and Executive Vice President--Academic & Health Affairs, UC Office of the President, and to the Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Office, CSU Office of the Chancellor (c/o Academic Program Planning). The Provost requests systemwide review by the (UC) Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA). CCGA conducts a preliminary review to determine whether or not to proceed with a full review of the proposal, or whether the Committee wishes to obtain additional information. The CSU Office of Academic Program Planning (APP) and CCGA consult regarding preliminary findings of the program reviews. If CCGA or the CSU Office of the Chancellor requires more information, the proposal is sent back to the campuses for revision. If CCGA agrees to move forward with a full review and the CSU Office of the Chancellor concurs, the UC Office of the President sends the proposal to the California Postsecondary Education Commission for concurrence (CPEC). CPEC will complete its review within 60 days of receipt of the document.

### ***Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)***

CSU partners (except San Diego State University) need to request approval for a new program at the doctoral level from the regional accrediting agency, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The CSU request is an application to the Substantive Change Committee of WASC. The WASC Commission acts on substantive change proposals at its February and June meetings.

### ***Joint Graduate Board***

Joint Graduate Board, which has final authority on the inter-system doctoral review process, requires a minimum of six votes of the CSU members and six of the UC members. The Board's action is communicated to the CSU and UC chief academic officers.

Proposals for new graduate degree programs require approvals from the:

1. Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA)
2. CSU Chancellor's Office Academic Program Planning (APP)
3. California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC)
4. Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Office, CSU Office of the Chancellor
5. Provost and Executive Vice President--Academic & Health Affairs, UC Office of the President
6. Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) authorizing the CSU campus to offer a program at the doctoral level

### ***\* Professional Doctorate Degrees***

There are *separate* CCGA guidelines for the professional doctorate, i.e., applied doctorate. This degree is designed to prepare individuals for professional practice rather than scholarly research and study. Examples of applied doctorates include: Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.), Doctorate of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.), Doctorate in Optometry (O.D.), and the Doctorate of Audiology (Au.D.). Please refer to Appendix I in the *CCGA Handbook*.

### **References**

*Handbook for the Creation of CSU/UC Joint Doctoral Programs* (2001)  
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