

GRADUATE COUNCIL

Jeffery Lansman, PhD, Chair

Minutes

January 15, 2008

Present: J. Lansman, E Watkins, D. Nielson, R. Shafer, F. Schaufele, K. Topp, C. Harrington, E. Yelin, S. Nelson, R. Shafer, P. Calarco, C. DesJarlais, K. Nelson, L. Stepanek, A. Brody

Guests: J. Johnson, Graduate Division
R. Wyllie, Graduate Division
D. Carlson, Registrar's Office

The Graduate Council meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. in Room S-30.

Chair's Report – Chair J. Lansman

Chair Lansman reported the following:

1. The Senate Coordinating Committee approved the proposal for a Master's of Science degree in Science and Technology Studies in Medicine.

CCGA Report – E. Watkins

CCGA representative Watkins reported the following:

1. The CCGA is continuing discussions on developing a proposal to request the elimination of non-resident tuition for graduate students in order for UC to be more competitive in the recruitment of international students.
2. A proposal for a School of Public Health at UC Davis is being reviewed. General discussion took place on the need for growth in the health sciences disciplines.
3. Discussion took place on the role of terminal master's degrees in a research university setting.
4. UCSF received approval to add clinical faculty to the list of approved faculty titles permitted to offer courses. A variance to Senate policy was approved.
5. CCGA is developing new criteria for the approval of stand-alone Certificate Programs that are not offered through Extension programs. It is expected that minimal review will be required by CCGA for these programs.
6. There is a new *in-absentia* policy under review by UCOP that will allow students who are doing research outside of the state to register at significantly reduced fees.
7. Internal and external reviews continue at CCGA for the proposal for the UCSF master's program in Global Health.

Vice Chair Report – E. Watkins

No report.

Dean's Report – P. Calarco

Dean Calarco reported the following:

1. The financial support allocation letters for 2008-09 will be sent to the graduate programs by the end of January. The total allocation represents approximately 12% of the total campus support for students.
2. The Chemistry and Chemical Biology Academic Program review will take place on March 20-21, 2008 and Fred Schaufele is the Council liaison to the review. April 21-22, 2008 is the Neuroscience review and Kim Topp will be the liaison. Ed Yellin will be the liaison for the master's in Clinical Research program that will occur in May 2008.
3. An overview was provided of how return-to-aid funds are allocated and distributed to the campus.

Graduate Student Association Report – A. Brody

The GSA representative reported:

1. Career and Research Day will be held in February 2008.
2. Security issues at Mission Bay continue to be a concern for graduate students. The Graduate Division will make a graduate student listserve available to the Police Department so that crime alerts may reach everyone.

Postdoctoral Scholars Association Report – S. Mashijama

PSA President Mashijama reported:

1. The Practice of Science Seminar continues to be offered during winter quarter.
2. Outstanding Faculty Mentorship Awards were presented to professors Mike McCune, Yuh-Nung Jan, and Lilly Jan.

New Business

Review of the Proposal for a Master's of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene – E Watkins

Lead reviewer E. Watkins provided the following summary: The master's degree program is part of a long-range restructuring plan, which followed the decision to drop the bachelor's degree in dental hygiene at UCSF (because the associate's degree offered at the community college level is sufficient for state licensing). Students will be trained to work in education, research, public outreach, and public policy. The proposal clearly demonstrates both the need for master's level dental hygienists and the many employment opportunities for graduates of the program. The curriculum for the program is well-designed and the authors have thoughtfully presented the goals, outcomes, learning methods, and assessment methods for each course and for the program as a whole. The time frame for completion of the degree includes one quarter of field work and both written and oral assessments at key points throughout the year-long curriculum. The program has enlisted a large number of faculty, five of whom are registered dental hygienists, and they plan to enroll eight students per year.

The Council agreed that the proposal was strong and bodes well for a highly successful master's degree program. The proposal was unanimously approved by the Council with the caveat that the budget section of the proposal be finalized and appropriate campus letters of support be included before it is forwarded to the Academic Senate for review.

Graduate Council Review of the CCGA Proposed Amendment to Senate Regulation (SR) 694 and Proposed New Senate Regulation (SR) 695

The Council discussed the proposal on residency requirements for on-line programs and agreed that the Senate should set a minimal threshold and the campuses should formulate specific guidelines. It was felt that a Senate regulation would not be useful given the individual and changing nature of a program's curriculum. Review and approval of Council should only occur when there is a major on-line component to a graduate curriculum.

Academic Program Review

Discussed under Dean's Report

Graduate Student Financial Support

Discussed under Dean's Report

Old Business

There was no Old Business

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Submitted by,

Karen Nelson, Assistant Dean