GRADUATE COUNCIL
Burt Feuerstein, MD, PhD, Chair

MINUTES
Monday, October 7, 2002


ABSENT: N. Lane, D. Kroetz M. Gillen, A. Johnson

GUESTS: C. Des Jarlais, J. Dang, A. Rosenblatt, R. Price, A. Sahni

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of June 3, 2002 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Chair’s Report
Chair Feuerstein reported that in academic year 2001-2002 the Council submitted revised by-laws to the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction of the Senate. These by-laws are currently under review and the Council is operating under the old by-laws until the revised ones are approved. He noted the Council annual report from 2001-2002 and the action items carried over from last year. T. Scanlan, F. Chehab, and M. Gillen were appointed to the Fellowship Sub-Committee and A. Johnson was appointed to the Postdoctoral Scholar sub-committee. Chair Feuerstein reported on the Academic Senate Leadership Retreat and encouraged members to read Chair Bikle’s letter to the campus. Marvin Cassman, the new Director of QB3, will be invited to attend a Council meeting in the future to discuss plans for the new Institute.

ACTION: Chair Feuerstein will invite Dr. Cassman to attend the December 2002 Council meeting.

Vice Chair and CCGA Rep Report
Vice Chair Majumdar reported that the first meeting of the CCGA will take place on October 26, 2002. Two new program proposals scheduled for review include a master’s and Ph.D. degree in Bioinformatics at UCSD and a joint Ed.D. program at UCSB and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Dean’s Report
Dean Attkisson reviewed the state of the California budget and the potential impact on the University. He reported on the successful new student orientation and fair held on September 19, 2002 and the new UCOP academic policy on postdoctoral scholars, which will be distributed to campuses for review. On October 3-4, 2002, the Graduate Division coordinated an NSF sponsored Research Colloquium for underrepresented undergraduate students to learn about graduate opportunities at UCSF. The Chancellor recently reviewed proposals for the distribution of new campus faculty FTE. Council members inquired if there was faculty representation in this decision making process. Chair Feuerstein indicated that he would inquire if there was Senate representation.
GSA Report
Co-President Fortin reported that the GSA has filled all board positions for academic year 2002-2003. They are working on their web site and on increasing the visibility of the GSA.

PSA Report
Co-President Price reported that a new postdoc orientation will be held on October 29, 2002. This event will be used as an opportunity to recruit new members to the PSA. Current board members plan to attend future departmental faculty meetings to discuss and encourage support for the proposed UCOP postdoc academic policy.

Old Business

BMS Response to the Academic Program Review
Associate Dean Calarco began the discussion by giving an overview of the Program Review process and the role of Graduate Division and the Council in the review. Regarding the BMS review, it was noted that the Chair of the program when the review was conducted stepped down and there are currently two new co-chairs. It was decided that B. Feuerstein contact the new chairs in order to familiarize them with the report and the response and request additional information on various topics in the report. These include the potential impact to the program with moves to Mission Bay, graduate student funding, and graduate program relationships with industry.

ACTION: Chair Feuerstein will discuss the program review with current BMS program directors.

Revised Salary Scale for Graduate Student Researchers (GSRs) and Postgraduate Researchers (PGRs)
Dean Attkisson reviewed the new salary scale for postgraduate researchers and graduate student researchers and its relationship to the NIH salary scale for postdoc trainees. He pointed out that the new PGR scale may replace the current scale for postdoctoral scholars.

Report from the Postdoctoral Scholar Sub-committee
Assistant Dean DesJarlais reported on the information gathered by the sub-committee regarding postdoc mentoring. She indicated that efforts on faculty mentoring are currently underway by Vice Chancellor Bainton and the Academic Senate. The sub-committee plans to dovetail with these efforts and customize a model relevant for postdoctoral scholars. One of the goals is to provide a set of mentoring guidelines to faculty when they hire a new postdoc. Chair Feuerstein appointed A. Johnson as a new postdoc sub-committee member.

ACTION: The sub-committee will work in concert with the Academic Senate program.

New Business

Proposal for a Joint UCSF/CSUSF Doctorate Degree in Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) Assistant Dean Nelson gave an overview of the proposed joint DPT program with San Francisco State University. Currently the program offers an M.A. and a doctorate in physical therapy sciences (DPTSc). The DPT will constitute a third year of study beyond the master’s degree and is proposed as a self-supporting program. Vice Chair Majumdar was appointed as the lead Council reviewer for the proposal. Council will invite department chair, Nancy Byl, to attend the next meeting to discuss the program.

ACTION: K. Nelson will invite Nancy Byl to the November 2002 meeting of the Council.
Proposal for the Opening of Admissions to the Health Psychology Ph.D. Program

Dean Attkisson reported that Council approved the closure of admissions to the Health Psychology program in 1987 due to insufficient faculty and student resources. This closure also was supported by faculty in the program. All students in the pipeline have since graduated. The program requests a re-opening of the program and a reconstitution of the graduate group. As part of the new proposal, students will have the opportunity to take selected courses on the Berkeley campus. B. Feuerstein instructed members to review the report carefully and come prepared for further discussion at the next meeting.

ACTION: Council members are requested to review the report for discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm

Submitted by:
Karen Nelson, Assistant Dean, Graduate Academic Affairs

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