GRADUATE COUNCIL
Sharmila Majumdar, PHD, CHAIR

MINUTES
Monday, May 3, 2004

PRESENT: S. Majumdar, G. Marshall, C. Attkisson, F. Chehab, C. Waters, B. Yen, P. Calarco,
E. Silva, C. DesJarlais, D. Kroetz, L. Littlepage, C. Lewis

ABSENT:  A. Johnson, T. Scanlan, N. Lane, M. Gillen

GUESTS: J. Whittick, K. Nelson,

The Graduate Council was called to order by Chair Majumdar on May 3, 2004 at 2:10 p.m. in S-118.
A quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the 2/3/04 meeting were previously unanimously
approved by e-mail.

Chair’s Report: The Chair had no report

Vice Chair and CCGA Rep Report: Vice Chair Marshall reported that the CCGA met in April
2004 at UC Merced to discuss graduate program development with their faculty. Additional CCGA
discussions involved applied doctorate programs, fundraising activities for graduate support at UC
campuses, and further shortfalls in State revenues. An MAS degree in Maternal and Child Nutrition
was approved at UCD.

Dean’s Report: Dean Attkisson reported that graduate student commencement will be held on May
21, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. with Haile Debas to serve as speaker. He also announced that UCSF was
awarded 22 new NSF fellowships; the new NSF stipend level will be $30,000 per year for each
fellow; and, student fees will increase by 20% for 2004-2005 compared to the previously proposed
40%.

Graduate Student Association Report: E. Silva reported that the Career and Research Day was
very successful with 20 companies represented at the Career Faire. He announced that the GSA
conference travel awards program worked well this year; the Annual Faculty Mentorship Award will
be announced shortly; and, there will be a wine social for graduate students at Genentech Hall in
June.

Postdoctoral Scholar Association Report: C. Lewis and L. Littlepage are the new PSA
representatives to the Council. They announced that the Practice of Science Seminars have been
heavily attended and a wine social for postdoctoral scholars was successful. A new postdoc
orientation was held in April 2004 and PSA paid for 30 postdocs to attend a CACSAW-sponsored
lecture.
Old Business:

Academic Program Review Report on the Ph.D. Program in Oral and Craniofacial Sciences

The OCS graduate program provided a comprehensive and thorough response to the Council on the external Academic Review report. The program plans to analyze the issues raised in the report and implement changes as appropriate (i.e. examine curriculum, monitor time to degree, increase diversity and the visibility of the program). Program Director Marshall noted the excellent review process. Chair Majumdar will forward a response to the program.

Update on Postdoctoral Scholar Mentoring Guidelines

An update will be provided at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Council.

De-Briefing on the Biophysics Program Review (P. Calarco and F. Chehab)

P. Calarco reported that five outside reviewers conducted the first academic program review at Mission Bay for the Biophysics program. The committee met with a large cross section of the program (students, faculty, postdocs), who were very well-informed. F. Chehab noted the critical issues raised by the committee that will be included in their final report.

New Business

CCGA Letter to Academic Council on Graduate Financial Support

Vice Chair Marshall updated the Council on the letter “a crisis in graduate education at UC” developed by the chair of CCGA and sent to the Chair of the Academic Council. The CCGA calls for greater public awareness of the contributions of graduate education in the State and requests that the campus Chancellors place a priority on fundraising efforts for graduate student support. Dean Attkisson noted that of particular concern is the current practice of diverting UCSF USAP funds in order to pay for teaching assistant fee remission at growing undergraduate campuses.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Submitted by:
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