The Graduate Council was called to order by Chair Majumdar on October 13, 2003 at 2:10 p.m. in S-118. A quorum was present.

Welcome and Introductions: Chair Majumdar welcomed new members and guests.

Chair’s Report: Chair Majumdar provided an overview of old business, reviewed sub-committee appointments, discussed the possibility of adding new members, and indicated that there was a problem with the new rotation schedule for the CCGA representative.

Vice Chair and CCGA Rep Report: Grayson Marshall reported on the following:

All new CCGA representatives will have a two-year term, which causes a problem for UCSF because the vice chair serves as the CCGA representative before assuming the position of chair of Council.

A large number of joint UC/CSU EdD degree proposals has been submitted to CCGA. The Monterey Institute of International Studies wishes to merge with UC; discussions and a timeline for merging with UCSC are expected.

USAP funding to campuses have been uneven for 2003-04; UCSF lost significant resources under the new allocation model. The opening of UC Merced has been delayed until fall 2005, however, the campus would like to begin training graduate students prior to this date.

Issues raised by the Assembly and Bureau of State Audit caused concerns that graduate education is being lumped with undergraduate education; CCGA stressed that distinctions need to be strongly made. CCGA discussed AB 178 (admissions procedures for graduate and professional students), concerns regarding increases in non-resident tuition for graduate students, and reviewed a task force report on Faculty Instructional Activities.

Dean’s Report: Clifford Attkisson provided a summary of the funding issues facing graduate student fellowships and increases in fees and tuition. He cited the end of several national fellowship programs, the new UCOP allocation formula for USAP funds that severely disadvantages UCSF, and reductions to the student Registration fee budget. A. Sahni announced that UCSF reached its
highest enrollment numbers in the history of the campus for fall 2003, in addition to enrolling the highest numbers of underrepresented students.

**Graduate Student Association Report:** Eric Slivka reported that one focus area for GSA this year will be resources for students applying for extramural fellowship support. He announced that the second annual “Celebrating UCSF” event will be held at the Asian Art Museum on February 27, 2004.

**Postdoctoral Scholar Association Report:** Christophe Colas was unavailable to attend. C. Des Jarlais reported that the Postdoc Orientation and Faire will be held at Genentech Hall from 5-7:00 pm on October 21, 2003.

**Old Business**

Proposal for a Designated Emphasis in Nanoscale Science and Engineering in the UCSF/UCB Joint Ph.D. program in Bioengineering (D. Kroetz and A. Johnson)

This agenda item will be discussed at the November 2003 Meeting.

**New Business**

- Response from the Task Force on the Proposal for the Creation of the Department of Bioengineering (F. Chehab)

  F. Chahib, chair of the Task Force, reported that the reviewers were very supportive of the proposal, but had the following the comments:

  There was not clear justification as to why the departmental designation was proposed at this time; there was no clear information on funding for the new department; and, the Task Force recommended that the proposal include information on possible links with industry. A final letter was submitted to the Senate office.

- Graduate Admissions Task Force Report

  Council agreed with the conclusions of the report and had no further comments to add. Chair Majumdar will forward a letter to the Senate.

- Appointment of the Graduate Council Fellowship Sub-Committee, Postdoctoral Scholar Sub-Committee, and Representative to the Committee on Courses of Instruction

  Chair Majumdar appointed F. Chehab, M. Gillen, and B. Yen to the Fellowship Sub-Committee and N. Lane to the Postdoc sub-committee. It was determined that a COCI representative would be appointed from the graduate faculty and not include a member from the Council.

- Proposal for a Certificate of Advanced Training in Clinical Research

  Assistant Dean Nelson provided an overview of the current MAS degree and certificate offered by the program, and explained the reasons for the new UCSF Certificate in Clinical Research. The Council was supportive of the proposal; further discussion and a vote will take place at the November meeting.

- Academic Program Review of the Ph.D. Program in Oral and Craniofacial Sciences and Biophysics in Academic Year 2003-2004: Nomination for Reviewers and Appointment of Council Liaison (P. Calarco)
Associate Dean Calarco reviewed the process for academic program reviews and explained the role of the Council liaison. Chair Majumdar appointed C. Waters as the Council liaison to the OCS review, which will take place in December 2003; and, appointed F. Chahib to the Biophysics review, which will take place in April 2004.

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