GRADUATE COUNCIL
FARID CHEHAB, PHD

Thursday, January 19, 2006


Guests Present: K. Nelson, J. Johnson, D. Carlson

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

Chair’s Report
Chair Chehab indicated that the campus clinical translational research initiative is under the direction of Dr. Mike McCune from the School of Medicine.

CCGA Representative Report
CCGA representative Chehab reported that the UCSF Developmental Biology proposal is currently under review at CCGA, with the lead reviewer from UCLA.

Vice Chair’s Report
No report

Dean’s Report
Interim Dean Calarco provided the Council with a summary of all sources of graduate student support on the campus. She indicated that a proposal has been submitted to the Chancellor for $1 million in additional graduate student support for academic year 2006-2007.

Graduate Student Association Report
GSA President O’Brien reported that the new shuttle schedule positively impacts student transportation; the GSA held a meeting with the campus police to discuss safety and security concerns at Mission Bay; the GSA will collaborate with two former UCSF graduate students, who published the book, Finding Your North, for Career and Research Day.

Council decided that they would write a letter to the Campus Police thanking them for working with the PSA and GSA on student safety concerns. In addition, a letter will be sent to Associate Vice Chancellor Stella Hsu and Vice Chancellor Steve Barclay, stating that there continues to be safety concerns at Mission Bay.

Postdoctoral Scholar Association Report
PSA President Lewis reported that the PSA held a mentoring dinner with Renee Reijo and Kriegstein and that they also met with the Director of the Center for Career and Professional Development to develop
future programming goals. Additionally, the PSA plans to write new bylaws and regulations; PSA president Lewis was appointed to the Executive Board of the National Postdoc Association.

Old Business:

**Discussion of the Graduate Division Financial Support Policy**
H. Kennedy discussed concerns the School of Nursing (SON) had with the Graduate Division financial support policy regarding employment and the maximum allowable awards for students receiving Division funds. Lani Proctor Pettersen, Director of Student Financial Support, reported on the financial support policies of other UC campuses, which appeared to be consistent with UCSF. It was decided that the policy may need to be reworded to respond to SON concerns.

**Proposal for an Emphasis in Clinical Research in the Ph.D. Program in Oral and Craniofacial Sciences**

*K. Topp reported that the response from the School of Dentistry regarding Council’s concerns appeared to be satisfactorily addressed. The program provided a list of PI support and grants available; indicated that there was Dean’s office support for the proposal, and that courses taught outside of the SOD and the ATCR certificate would be elective courses. Faculty indicated that there were adequate resources to support the program beyond the life of the training grant, and the primary mission of the program matches with the evolving pathways of the profession into the clinical research arena.

The Emphasis in Clinical Research in the Ph.D. program in Oral and Craniofacial Sciences was unanimously approved by Council. Council indicated that parts of the proposal needed to be slightly revised to adhere to administrative policies. The Graduate Division and the Office of the Registrar will coordinate and finalize with the SOD.

**Proposal for a Certificate Program in Global Health**
B. Yen, lead reviewer of the proposal, described the proposed Certificate program in Global Health. The program is referred to as a “sandwich program,” whereby students pursuing graduate degrees from international universities would come to UCSF for one year of training in areas pertaining to global health sciences and to obtain additional research skills. Students would then return to their home country to fulfill remaining requirements and complete their degree. Council was supportive of the program, but had the following concerns and questions: Council thought the capstone requirement of a published paper may be too rigorous for a one year program and that other options may be considered such as an exit seminar; Council wanted to know more specific information about what the students would be doing while at UCSF and how it related to the student’s program on their home campus. It was decided to request a response from faculty proposing the program and to invite them to attend the next Council meeting.

New Business

**Update on the Doctorate in Audiology Degree**
K. Nelson will report on this at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
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