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

Chair’s Report
J. Lansman and F. Chehab met with the task force assigned to review the proposal for an ORU in Genetics. Chair Chehab indicated that it was a strong proposal, but needed a mission statement, long term budget, and further explanation as to how the ORU would interact with other campus programs. It was recommended that the proposal be revised and then reviewed once more by the Task Force before final approval. Chair Chehab commented on the proposed fee increase of 10% for domestic graduate students and the proposal to waive non-resident tuition for Ph.D. students after advancement to candidacy for three years. He also noted that the Graduate Council listserv should be used for the official business of the committee.

CCGA Representative Report
Chair Chehab provided a summary of the agenda items of the November meeting of the CCGA, which included issues related to the liver transplant program at UCI, the resignation of Provost Greenwood, and the growth of on-line degree programs. He indicated that CCGA is rewriting Senate regulations regarding off-campus and on-campus instruction. Also, it was noted that proposed certificate programs that fall under the umbrella of a graduate degree program will need CCGA approval and must include a minimum of two quarters or one semester of residency. He provided an update on UC Merced where there are currently about 800 undergraduate students and 37 graduate students.

Vice Chair’s Report
No report

Dean’s Report
Interim Dean Calarco reported that there is activity on campus from the United Auto Workers (UAW) who are interested in unionizing postdoctoral scholars. She indicated that the Graduate Division has elected to join the systemwide postdoctoral scholar benefits plan; more information on this will follow in the coming months. She also distributed a copy of the policy on maximum levels of support for students receiving Graduate Division fellowships.
Graduate Student Association Report
GSA President O’Brien reported that campus IT services will provide workshops to students on the transition to the new UCSF exchange e-mail accounts. GSA is sponsoring movie nights and working on Career and Research Day, which will include alumni events.

Postdoctoral Scholar Association Report
PSA representative Lazic reported that the PSA has taken a neutral stance on unionization of the postdoctoral scholars. She indicated that PSA sponsored a recent “Mentor Dinner” on Nanotechnology.

Old Business:

Proposed Emphasis in Clinical Research in the Ph.D. Program in Oral and Craniofacial Sciences
K. Nelson provided an overview of the proposed new initiative to offer a clinical sciences stream for Ph.D, DDS, and specialty clinicians. Chair Chehab appointed K. Topp as lead reviewer for the proposal; she will provide comments and recommendations at the next Council meeting.

Proposal for a Joint UCSF/CSU Fresno Doctorate in Physical Therapy

Review of Academic Senate Diversity Statement
D. Saloner provided an overview of the new program and indicated that it closely models the well-established joint program with San Francisco State. He described the critical shortage of physical therapists and the move of the discipline to shift to an entry level doctoral degree by 2010. Concerns were voiced regarding the ability of the programs to maintain close ties with the geographic distance; whether students working as therapists while going to school would interfere with completion of the program; and, if there was an imbalance in coursework offered at the two campuses.

Department Chair Byl attended the Council’s discussion of the proposal and further explained the program and answered questions and concerns. She reiterated that this was a very rigorous program, that students working as licensed therapists while doing work toward the DPT enhanced their learning and experience, and that work completed at the UCSF and CSU campus was appropriately distributed.

All concerns were addressed to the Council’s satisfaction and the proposal was approved pending final edits and formatting of the proposal.

Review of Academic Senate Diversity Statement
The Council approved the statement and H. Kennedy provided an amendment to the motion as follows:

While the UCSF Graduate Council has no opposition to the UC Academic Statement on Diversity, we do not believe it represents a strong enough statement about the level of diversity we would like to see among the students and faculty at UCSF.

Update on Minimum Requirement for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
Holly Kennedy reported that the graduate programs are currently being surveyed to gather information on their recommendations for English language proficiency for new students.

Council Representation for the Coordinating Committee of Graduate Affairs (CCGA)
The proposed change will be discussed at the next meeting.
New Business:

Proposal for a Certificate Program in Global Health
K. Nelson provided a summary of the proposal and Chair Chehab appointed B. Yen to serve as the lead reviewer of the proposal. He will provide comments and recommendations at the next meeting of the Council.

Proposal to Offer the Master’s of Advanced Studies and Certificate Program in Clinical Research to Predoctoral Students
The Council was supportive of the proposal, but determined that they did not need to provide official approval as the master’s and certificate programs were previously approved. Interim Dean Calarco recommended that student applications for the program be accompanied by written approval from the student’s mentor/advisor or appropriate school associate dean.

Update on Enrollment Data for Fall 2005
This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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