GRADUATE COUNCIL
Farid CHEHAB, Ph.D.

Thursday, October 19, 2006


The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

Chair’s Report
Chair Chehab reported on the following: 1) Members of the Graduate Council assigned to sub-committees of the Strategic Planning Initiative include K. Topp, J. Lansman, B. Gerbert, F. Schaufele, and D. Saloner. 2) The proposal for an Institute of Human Genetics was approved by a Senate Task Force and will now be sent to the full Senate for approval as an ORU. 3) Librarian K. Butter will visit the Council to discuss issues related to Library resources when considering proposals for new academic programs. 4) The Academic Senate Leadership Retreat conducted by the Academic Senate included the discussion of a new faculty diversity initiative on campus, a study of why faculty leave UCSF, and new academic affairs programs in the area of faculty leadership. 5) The UC Academic Senate is reviewing faculty salaries according to campus location and the issue of graduate students as course instructors.

CCGA Representative Report
CCGA representative Chehab reported: 1) CCGA will put efforts into reviewing and making recommendations on non-resident tuition for graduate students. 2) CCGA will study the process for approvals of certificate programs and establish criteria for reviews.

Vice Chair’s Report
No report

Dean’s Report
Dean Calarco reported on the status of the National Research Council (NRC) Assessments, reported on the appointment of the new Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Academic Affairs, and announced the Graduate Division award of an Amgen grant for the support of undergraduate students in the Summer Research Training Program.

Graduate Student Association Report
GSA President O’Brien reported that the GSA held its first retreat; developed a new logo; they are working with the PSA and Associated Students on communication issues and student wellness programs; new computers were purchased for their Mission Bay and Parnassus offices; dinners are planned with UCSF alumni; additional projects include voter registration and the safety survey.
Postdoctoral Scholar Association Report
PSA Representative G. Potter reported that there are currently 10-12 active association members; a welcome reception and postdoc orientation is planned; and, Practice of Science seminars are on-going. The PSA will also distribute a list of concerns to the Graduate Council that emerged from their dinner with the Chancellor.

Old Business:

Response from Sociology on the Academic Program Review External Report

The Council discussed the response, but had further questions for the program. It was decided that a follow-up letter would be sent to the program, which requested additional information and invited the program director and faculty to a future meeting of the Council.

New Business:

Proposal for a Self-Supporting M.S. Degree in Global Health Sciences

Council noted the many strengths of the proposal, which included well-documented student demand, highly qualified faculty, innovation with respect to UCSF graduate offerings, and the need for international, multidisciplinary programs. Further clarification from the program is needed in the areas of student support, faculty governance, curriculum, and the thesis project. The program will be asked to submit additional information and to visit a Council meeting in the future. E. Watkins was appointed as lead reviewer of the proposal.

CCGA Discussion on the Review of Campus Certificate Programs
Tabled for the November Meeting

Appointment of Fellowship Sub-Committee
Tabled for the November meeting.

Proposal for the Re-Review of UC/CSU Joint EDD Programs
Tabled for the November meeting.

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

Submitted by,
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