The Graduate Council was called to order by Chair Lansman on February 12, 2009 at 2:15 p.m. A quorum was present.

The minutes of December 11, 2008 were approved.

Chair’s Report
Reviews of Chemistry and Chemical Biology and Masters of Advanced Studies
Chair Lansman reported that the reviews of Chemistry and Chemical Biology and the Masters of Advanced Studies were completed and that letters were sent to each program.

Review of the Proposal to Consolidate the Cancer Research Institute with the Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center
Chair Lansman served on the Academic Senate task force convened to review the Proposal to Consolidate the Cancer Research Institute with the Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center. The task force recommended approval of the proposal.

Report from the Academic Senate Coordinating Committee
Chair Lansman attended the February 10, 2009 Coordinating Committee meeting. At the meeting, the Committee discussed the merits of allowing non-paying students to participate in paid graduate programs, as it could foster improved teaching efficiencies on campus and promote interdisciplinary education. Graduate Council members suggested learning more about this topic by inviting program directors to discuss the issues associated with allowing non-paying students access to paid graduate programs. These programs include Global Health Sciences, TICR (Training in Clinical Research), Science and Technology in Medicine and Physical Therapy.

Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) Report – Liz Watkins
L. Watkins reported that the following topics were discussed at the February 3, 2009 meeting.

- CCGA is also discussing access to programs self-supported and state-supported.
- UC Davis School of Nursing was approved.
- Certificates
Stand-alone certificate programs will be reviewed by CCGA
Global Health School of Sciences
How will the PhD programs be reviewed? At CCGA? Which graduate councils? KN: The current thinking is that the individual degrees will be offered at each campus and will be reviewed at the home campus.

Graduate Student Association (GSA) Report
None.

Postdoctoral Scholars Association (PSA) Report – Laurie Stepanek, PSA Representative
L. Stepanek reported that the Postdoctoral Scholars Association (PSA) held its retreat in January 2009. One outcome of the retreat was the proposal to ask postdocs who have left UCSF to serve as mentors or resources for postdocs currently at UCSF.

PSA will also need to raise funds for the coming year. The current PSA funding came from the departments and was intended to cover a three-year period. Those funds were stretched over more than four years. PSA now needs to request funds again.

Designated Emphasis on UCSF Diplomas – Doug Carlson, Registrar
D. Carlson stated that for programs that would like to indicate a specialization on student diplomas, using a designated emphasis is easier for the Registrar to manage than a parenthetical degree notation, as previously suggested. Programs that want to add a designated emphasis to student diplomas, will be asked to present a proposal, including curriculum to support the proposed emphasis, to Graduate Council for approval. Chair Lansman will bring this concept and process to the Academic Senate Coordinating Committee for approval.

Update on the Unionization of Postdoctoral Scholars at UCSF – Christine DesJarlais, Assistant Dean, Postdoctoral Affairs
C. DesJarlais reported that the bargaining process began on February 6, 2009. UCSF does not have faculty representation. The time commitment for participating in the bargaining process is two full days per week every other week, alternating between northern and southern California. There is no financial support in place for the people who participate in the process. C. DesJarlais would like suggestions for a UCSF faculty member to participate in the process. To provide a UCSF perspective on the issues raised, C. DesJarlais assembled a response team of local UCSF postdoctoral scholar experts to respond to issues as they arise. She is also working with UCSF Academic Senate Chair David Gardner to distribute a message to faculty members.

Review of the Proposal for a PhD in Epidemiology and Translational Science - Michael Beattie, Lead Reviewer
M. Beattie presented the review of the proposal for a PhD in Epidemiology and Translational Science. Overall, he found that the proposal was well-crafted and there is support for the academic quality of the program. To best prepare the proposal for CCGA review, it should be as comprehensive as possible. The questions raised in the review were as follows:

- Where does the program overlap with other areas (such as bioinformatics or medical informatics)?
- How many students will participate in the courses?
- For rotations in the second year, how will the mentors be paid for their time? Graduate Council members noted that the rotations, as proposed, do not seem realistic. The program should be more flexible about requiring the rotations.
- How will teaching time be compensated?
- Should the program offer two different options and be more specific about the target student populations?

Graduate Fellowship Committees
Ed Yelin volunteered to serve on the Graduate Fellowship Committee.
General Competition
Everyone will participate.

Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

Chair Lansman adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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