The Graduate Council was called to order by Chair Lansman on March 12, 2009 at 2:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

The minutes of February 12, 2008 were approved.

Chair’s Report – Jeff Lansman
Creating a Standard Policy for Non-Departmental Graduate Programs
Chair Lansman presented the proposal to create a policy regarding financial support for graduate students participating in programs outside their own departments to the Academic Senate Executive Committee on March 2, 2009. He will learn more about similar policies at other UC campuses and will report back to the Graduate Council.

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

- CCGA review of certificates: The review of the creation of new, stand-alone certificates programs will now be reviewed by CCGA.
- In absentia registration: The proposal to allow students registering in absentia (residing outside California) to pay reduced registration fees will be reviewed by Academic Council.
- Self supporting programs: CCGA agreed that masters programs could be self supporting and that doctorates should not be. CCGA also discussed professional masters versus academic masters programs, as well as fee-supported and state-supported program students taking courses in state-supported or fee-supported programs, respectively.
- Non-matriculating PhD students: CCGA posed a question for the campuses: What provisions to campus PhD programs have for students who do not complete the program? UCSF allows students to leave with a masters degree if they could not complete the PhD.
- Final project for one-year masters programs: CCGA discussed calling the final original written project a “capstone” project instead of a “thesis”.
- Graduate student support: CCGA discussed the $10 million for graduate student support.
Proposal for the PhD in Epidemiology and Translational Science - Robert Hiatt and Neil Risch, Co-Chairs, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Following Graduate Council's review of the proposal for the PhD in Epidemiology and Translational Science, Co-Chairs R. Hiatt and N. Risch came to the Graduate Council meeting to respond to questions and to explain further their plans for the proposed PhD program. They responded to questions from Graduate Council members as follows:

- Does the proposed program have support from the Dean of the School of Medicine? Support from the current interim dean is not yet known, although the creation of this PhD program was supported by the previous dean.
- What are the plans to grow the program? The Department of Epidemiology already has $19 million in research per year, which is larger than the entire UCB School of Public Health. Also, as CTSI grows, it may also provide opportunities for complementing the proposed PhD program.

VOTE: The Graduate Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal for the PhD in Epidemiology and Translational Science.

Update on the Unionization of the Postdoctoral Scholars – Christine DesJarlais, Assistant Dean for Postdoctoral Affairs

C. DesJarlais has been appointed as the UCSF representative to the negotiating process and will keep the Graduate Council informed as the process unfolds.

Graduate Students’ Association (GSA) Report – John Fecondo, GSA Chair

J. Fecondo updated the Graduate Council on the following issues:

- The Graduate Students’ Association Career and Research Days were held February 10, 19 and 26, 2009. They included a panel discussion, student alumni dinner, poster session, a keynote address and a reception.
- GSA participated in the WASC Accreditation visit
- GSA is currently conducting a survey about re-initiating a Parnassus-Mission Bay shuttle on the weekends.
- GSA is currently reviewing applications for the Outstanding Faculty Mentor award.
- GSA is trying to ensure that the athletic fields stay in the plan for development at Mission Bay.
- GSA students attended UC Day in Sacramento on March 10, 2009.
- GSA has discussed the possibility of a Hastings-UCSF consortium, particularly for Global Health.

Postdoctoral Scholars Association Report
None.


E. Watkins presented the proposed appendix for APM 010: Student Freedom of Scholarly Inquiry Principles. Discussion by members of the Graduate Council included the following:

- Review of the proposed appendix should include a student response to the subordination of student academic freedom to faculty members.
- Previous experience suggests that faculty are not good at implementing this kind of policy. Training faculty on this issue will be an important component of implementation.
Review of the Review of Proposal for Clinical Doctorate in Audiology (AuD) – Kimberly Topp

K. Topp led the review of the proposal for the Clinical Doctorate in Audiology (AuD). The Graduate Council’s discussion raised the following issues:

- The proposal does not clearly articulate who will teaching which courses.
- The units in the proposed curriculum don’t add up.
- Terms are listed as semesters rather than quarters and neither Spring nor Summer terms are listed.
- Only one faculty member is listed for the program, with the remaining instruction coming from and six audiologists in the clinic. The proposal should include letters of support and/or commitment from the faculty members who will teach the courses.
- The undergraduate admissions criteria needs to be strengthened. Students will need basic medical training to allow them to interact with clinical colleagues from other disciplines.
- The amount of research seems high for a clinical program.
- The proposal should be checked against professional accreditation criteria for audiology.
- More information should be provided about the provisional license component of the degree.
- The proposal should be compared with other doctoral programs in audiology at other institutions in the US, such as the program UCLA is building. It would also be helpful to know how similar this is to the program in San Diego. This program could be modeled after the San Diego program.

K. Topp will bring the Graduate Council’s concerns to the proposal writers for more information.

Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

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