The Graduate Council was called to order by Chair Watkins on March 11, 2010 at 2:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

The minutes of February 4, 2010 were approved.

Chair’s Report – Elizabeth Watkins
The main presentation at the Academic Senate Coordinating Committee on 3/1/10 was an update on library and scholarly communication issues.

On 3/8/10 a Graduate Program Directors meeting was held and we noted that progress is being made on the proposal to collect money ($6000/student) from clinical departments to support basic sciences students. Also:

- The campus is poised to cut up to $40 million from the budget, and we heard about how that might happen: centralizing administrative, information technology, and human resources functions are some avenues being discussed.

- We learned that UC produces 25% of the minority Ph.D.s in STEM fields in the United States.

- The new Graduate Education and Medical Science Training Program will start in the Spring term; this is the mini-course that basic science students can sign up for to learn about how science relates to clinical science and practice.

- Carol Moss, the new Vice Chancellor, University Development and Alumni Relations, and Mark Boone, Senior Director of Development, spoke to the directors about UCSF’s development plans and articulated several strategies (involving faculty) that UCSF is not currently using to broaden our donor
base. While support for the new hospital is the priority, Moss acknowledged that there are many different kinds of donors with different priorities and student support is very much on her radar screen.

**Vice Chair’s Report – Michael Beattie**

CCGA continues the dialogue on fee returns on graduate fees; there was a report from Larry Pitts that indicated that in general most of the funds for graduate education do come back to the campuses—at least on the order of 50%. There is a small 5-6% tax held by UCOP, but if we have concerns about where those educational fees are going we should look to our own Chancellor’s office or otherwise locally.

It appears that WASC is interested in not just accrediting undergraduate schools, but in reviewing the quality of graduate degree programs. There is concern that their interest in this may be duplicative of the work of CCGA and the local Graduate Councils. To avoid this, one of the WASC leaders is going to come and talk with CCGA about potential overlaps for these reviews in order to make the process more efficient for all concerned.

President Yudof came to talk with the Committee about his commitment to graduate education. He was responsive to the concerns raised and noted that, in the future, he will do better in advocating for graduate education. Still, the reality is that he is faced with a 20% budget cut and there are real limits to what can be done in the current climate.

**Dean’s Report – Patricia Calarco**

None

**Senate Analyst’s Report**

There is a post employment benefits listening session for existing faculty, staff, and students scheduled for April 23.

On April 14th the Distinction in Teaching and Distinction in Mentoring award ceremonies will take place. The names of the winners are indicated on the Senate’s website.

On April 19th the faculty research lecturer will be Ken Dill, a professor in the School of Pharmacy. This lecture will be simulcast to Parnassus and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

The call to service has gone out; it has been difficult to get people to serve on some campus committees, particularly the Graduate Council. Please alert your colleagues to this opportunity if your three-year term is coming to a close. Hopefully you have found that we do important work on this committee and we do need wide representation.

**Postdoctoral Scholars – Christine DesJarlais**

None.

**Graduate Students’ Association (GSA) Report – Julie Hunkapiller, GSA Representative**

The Career and Research Day took place last month and was successful. We hosted a student alumni dinner that was well attended; approximately 90 students and 15-20 alumni turned out. This event included a poster session and a keynote; the speaker was the Director of the California Academy of Sciences.

Talks over GSHIP (the health insurance for graduate students) are ongoing. The goal is to create a system-wide plan. UCSF currently has good coverage but the cost is high. By contrast UCLA, which has a very large graduate student population, has costs that are low. Finding a balance of good benefits and modest cost is the challenge.

This month we will place a call for nominations for the Outstanding Faculty Mentorship award.
None.

**New & Ongoing Business**

**Bioengineering briefing with Tejal Desai**

Many years ago the PhD & MS in Bioengineering were approved as a joint program between UCSF and UC Berkeley, but the MS was never initiated because, for a long time, we did not believe we needed a master’s in bioengineering. This past year, we have been thinking about reinstating the MS as detailed in the attached document. This is being initiated due to industry need and the potential economic benefit to graduates. This program would fit the requirements that have already been approved, but it would also encompass classes from the business school and epidemiology classes; parties from both of those areas have agreed to accept bioengineering students.

Students admitted to this MS program would not automatically be considered for the PhD. Applications for this MS program are coming in now and the application deadline is March 15th.

**Library Letter**

The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication wrote a letter to the Academic Senate Chair arguing for more library/study space to accommodate students at Mission Bay. The Council voted to endorse this letter as written.

**BMS Program Review**

The program director addressed every concern the review raised and, in turn, every issue the Council raised in response to the review. Most of the issues are, of course, financial. In particular, the issue of teleconferencing is one that goes beyond the confines of the program.

The program voted to raise the stipend to $28k!

The Council convened its executive session at 3:45 p.m.

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