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ABSENT: Patricia Babbitt, Mary Lynch, Sarah Nelson, Robert Raffai, Ed Yellin,

GUESTS: Rick Wyllie, Karen Nelson, John Ziegler

The Graduate Council was called to order by Chair Watkins on May 13, 2010 at 2:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

The minutes of April 22, 2010 were approved.

Chair’s Report – Elizabeth Watkins
None.

Vice Chair’s Report – Michael Beattie
There is ongoing discussion about professional fees for professional degrees and exactly what constitutes a professional degree. For example, we recognize medicine and pharmacy as professional degrees, but what about engineering? Professional master’s programs are proliferating and they are specifically crafted to recover costs. Among the questions under consideration is how do we reconcile a scenario where we have two students in the same classroom and one is paying $35K and the other is paying normal in state fees?

The proposal for a PhD in Epidemiology and Translational Science was approved by CCGA and now awaits the signature of President Yudof.

Dean’s Report – Patricia Calarco
Yesterday (5/12/10) was Graduate Research Day in Sacramento. Our two student representatives were Katherin Sorber from Biochemistry and Collin Melton from Biomedical Science. The day culminated in a poster session to which legislative staffers were invited. Our campus government representative felt this was a nice contrast to UC day, which focuses on undergraduate education.

The program review for Biological and Medical Informatics review is taking place today and tomorrow. David Haussler of UCSC is chairing the review committee.
The 2010 entering class for Tetrad is fourteen; statistics indicated that the program received many more declines than they ordinarily do. Tetrad’s pattern is to support students for three years; most programs support students for two years. The declining enrollment in Tetrad is cause for concern for program faculty, and it is a concern shared by EVC-P Bluestone. Some consider Tetrad the flagship program of graduate education at UCSF, and the opportunities for students to come into it appear to be diminishing.

The BMI program is experiencing a similar decline in their application numbers and in the quality of applicants; the number of students accepting offers of admission were also down. Program faculty believe both the state economy and its impact on the UC system is beginning to effect this process. Obviously, this is only one interpretation of the facts, but one we will want to keep in mind as we monitor admissions data going forward.

Commencement was a success. Our speaker was Jackie Speier; she gave a wonderful speech about professional integrity throughout the course of one’s career and wove in threads about her experience as a victim of the Jonestown massacre. Budget concerns prompted us to downsize (again) the scale of refreshments served at the reception. Next year will be the 50th commencement! It will take place on May 13, 2011.

We have been asked to model future program reviews that are two a year (vs. the current three) with review panels that are three members (vs. the current four or five). How useful or harmful might this (money saving) change be?

**Senate Analyst’s Report**
None.

**Postdoctoral Scholars – Christine DesJarlais**
None.

**Graduate Students’ Association (GSA) Report – Julie Hunkapiller, GSA Representative**
As the school year is coming to an end, the GSA is having elections next month to bring more people into the leadership.

The outstanding faculty member award was presented to David Morgan at Commencement.

At the next GSA meeting we will be hearing a report about Graduate Student Health Insurance Program (GSHIP).

The Silk Road Scholarship was awarded to Stephanie Phelps a first year PhD student in Nursing.

**Postdoctoral Scholars Association Report – Vuk Uskokovic, PSA Representative**
The PSA will hold elections next month to identify new leaders within the organization.

Perhaps the most comprehensive thing addressed this year is a new funding model for the PSA. The new model will consist of three sources 1) the university 2) external sponsors 3) the union. We are in the process of enabling this new model via the University of California Council of Post Doctoral Scholars.

A few of our members are in the process of starting the first peer-reviewed journal for post-doctoral affairs.

**New & Ongoing Business**
Karen Nelson & John Ziegler
UCSF presently offers a self-supporting twelve month MS in Global Health. Students take course work in Fall, Winter, and Summer. During the Spring they engage in a fieldwork assignment with an underserved population in a low-income country or community in the United States. The program hosts 18 students this year; we are expecting 30 new students for Fall 2010.

As UCSF has an established degree program in Global Health the University of California Global Health Institute (UCGHI), comprised of centers of expertise from the other UC campuses—Women’s Health, Migration & Health, One Health (water, animals, & food safety)—want to help us expand and specialize our curriculum in such a way that they would provide courses, field work assignments, and mentors for students in our program that want to specialize in these particular areas. All of this is being funded in part by a Gates grant so there is no state money behind this.

We are preparing to propose a Global Health degree with Designated Emphasis (DE) in a variety of areas: Women’s Health, Migration & Health, One Health. We would like to follow the model of UCSD which allows for a DE on the transcript and the diploma. We will offer course work in the DE and the students’ fieldwork will be in this area as well.

Global Health Sciences will prepare a formal proposal to be submitted to Graduate Council for consideration.

**Compendium review**
Currently active graduate certificate programs must submit to the Graduate Council a 2-3 page summary describing the program, admission requirements, curriculum, completion requirements, student assessment, faculty expertise, number of students admitted, graduated, and normative time. This appears to be a post-hoc approval of existing programs. The one certificate program we have, to which this would apply, is the Training in Clinical Research (TICR) program.

All proposed name changes for degree programs must now be forwarded to CCGA for information and possible review.

The Council convened its executive session at 4:15 p.m.

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