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ABSENT: Sergio Baranzini, Joe Guydish, Pattie Babbitt, Colin Studholme, Christian Vaisse

The Graduate Council was called to order by Chair Beattie on February 10, 2011 at 2:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

The minutes of January 13, 2010 were approved.

Chair’s Report – Michael Beattie
CCGA is reviewing as many as 25 self-supporting programs; such programs have obviously become more popular in the current economic climate. New (albeit vague) guidelines are being drafted for self-supporting programs. Right now the guidelines appear vague because they are trying to speak to the range of self-supporting programs that exist on each of the campuses. How do we gauge if a self-supporting program is really self-supporting and not, in fact, taking resources away from other parts of the enterprise? Going forward it appears that individual Graduate Councils are going to be tasked with drafting rules and metrics for ensuring that this is not the case and working with the Academic Senate and Planning and Budget to police this.

CCGA has been generally supportive of the new self-supporting Master’s programs, but has opined that that no currently constituted PhD program should be allowed to become a self-supporting program.

Vice Chair’s Report
None.

Dean’s Report – Patricia Calarco
The financial allocation letter to the graduate programs has been completed and sent to program directors; this letter details the distribution of funds to the programs and they use the figures from this letter to plan for 2011-12. Technically, this letter articulates a projection of monies that we expect to have available and historically that has proven to be true. This year the letters were conservative in as much as we used last year’s funding levels (which did not materialize until nearly October of 2010). We have added to that level the last third of the USAP monies we have been due. Accordingly, every program received a small increase in their allocation. Compared to five years ago the Graduate Division is now providing about 20% of what is required to keep graduate education robust on our campus in the hard
sciences (as opposed to social and behavior sciences). Sixty five percent of our student support comes from extramural sources (training grants, student won grants, RO1 and contracts, etc.) We are heavily leveraged on NIH funding; this is obviously a precarious position for us to be in now that NIH is flatlining in the current environment.

Admissions for our Summer Research Training Program (SRTP) have closed; we have more than 1000 applications for 65 slots. UCOP has partnered with HBCU’s to offer a faculty driven grants to support student participation in SRTP. A few faculty have already expressed an interest in this opportunity which ranges from $10-50k of support from one to three years.

**Senate Analyst’s Report**
The call for service will go out to faculty next week; from Feb 15-March 15 faculty interested in serving on a Senate committee will have an opportunity to voice their preferences. Three Council members are scheduled to rotate off of this committee at the conclusion of this academic year.

**Postdoctoral Scholars – Christine DesJarlais**
The PSA is debating whether or not to change their status from an Advisory Committee to a Registered Campus Organization (RCO). Making this change will give them greater control over their budget and finances (fundraising, spending, etc).

**Graduate Students’ Association (GSA) Report – Rebecca Kaplan, GSA Representative**
- The GSA is closing in on Career & Research Day.
- The student alumni dinner will be held on March 3rd on the Parnassus campus.
- The GSA is engaging in a system-wide conversation regarding a Graduate Student Bill of Rights. This is the start of what we expect will be a year-long effort to bring a degree of uniformity in expectations for graduate students at UC.
- The Office of Student Life has informed the GSA that the 24 hours study space at Mission Bay is closing to make room for the Learning Lab. This underscores a longstanding request from students for a dedicated 24-hour study space at Mission Bay.

**Postdoctoral Scholars Association Report – PSA Representative**
None.

**New & Ongoing Business**
WASC Educational Effectiveness Review
We expect that this WASC report will be the penultimate document that accredits our campus for another ten years. At the end of February several WASC members will convene to consider the review of our entire campus, strengths, challenges, recommendations, etc. and from that meeting we expect a final letter.

UC Funding Streams Proposal
The Funding Streams Proposal prepared by Budget and Capital Resources indicates that in the future individual campuses are going to get back most the revenue that they generate. This will be a change from the past practice of revenue going to UCOP and being divided centrally. This new formula is likely to impact UCSF adversely because we do not have a tuition paying undergraduate population.

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