MINUTES


ABSENT: Tejal Desai, Mark Courey, Daniel Fried, Ed Murphy, Dorothy Porter, Christian Vaisse, Sergio Baranzini, Susan Miller

The Graduate Council was called to order by Chair Raffai on April 12, 2012 at 2:35 p.m. A quorum was not present.

The minutes of March 8, 2012 were not approved.

Chair’s Report – Robert Raffai
The Council introduced itself to new Graduate Dean Elizabeth Watkins.

CCGA reviewed and approved a number of new programs from the campuses.

Vice Chair’s Report
None.

Dean’s Report – Elizabeth Watkins
Dean Watkins summarized a report she recently gave to the Long Range Development Planning Oversight Committee. In brief: our professional school students address the clinical mission of UCSF; graduate academic students are more closely affiliated with the research mission and innovative science; our graduate students permeate the campus and are represented in virtually all academic and professional school departments on campus.

As part of Alumni weekend on April 20-21st, the Graduate Division will host visiting alumni. Events include breakfast with the Chancellor, a poster session and lunch, open lab tours at Mission Bay, and a reception and Gala Dinner on Saturday April 21st.

The Graduate Division website will be revised to better communicate with existing and prospective students and to better reach a diverse pool of students.
Senate Analyst’s Report – Kate Dargan
None.

Postdoctoral Scholars – Christine DesJarlais
None.

Graduate Students’ Association (GSA) Report – Jason Tien, GSA Representative
The GSA recently concluded its participation on the Student Services Fee committee; this body decides how to allocate the Services Fee, which professors pay for their students. The fund has been diminishing over the years. The group is deciding whether to push people out of the fund or to raise the fee.

The GSA has been discussing childcare on campus. There is a waitlist for access to childcare services on campus. While students are given priority in accessing those services virtually no student can afford them so the service is effectively unavailable. Campus childcare services are on the order of $2000/month.

Postdoctoral Scholars Association Report – Lixian Zhong, PSA Representative
The PSA sent a representative to the national PSA meeting in March of 2012.

The PSA hosted a variety of social events recently including Salsa Night, Science Exchange Seminars, and First Friday Happy Hour all of which are significant because post-docs generally have considerably fewer opportunities to interact and socialize with one another than graduate students.

The PSA is planning a Research Day that will include a poster session and oral presentation sessions.

New & Ongoing Business

New degree proposal: MS in Healthcare Administration and Interprofessional Leadership
Proposal author, Dr. Mary Louise Fleming, briefed the Council on this new proposal and fielded questions on several aspects of it. This proposal is simultaneously being reviewed by the committees on Educational Policy, Courses of Instruction, and Academic Planning and Budget.