The Graduate Council was called to order by Chair Raffai on October 13, 2011 at 2:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

The minutes of September 8, 2011 were approved.

**Chair’s Report – Robert Raffai**

Chair Raffai attended his first meeting of the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs at UCOP.

The following items were discussed brought about by a billion dollar budget cut to the University:

1. The UC Board of Regents rejected President Yudof’s budget proposal. This will have an impact on graduate education.
2. Rebenching (state funding disbursement) will be discussed by Eric Vermillion and Teresa Contra
4. Senate Task Force has been created to study new ways to better support graduate students other than the R-01 grants. Other campuses are providing support for their students.

Major issues for the CCGA due to budget cuts and the increased cost of support:

1. The perception of UCSF’s competitiveness for recruiting graduate students. The cost is almost exceeding the cost of a post-doc in the laboratory.
2. Recruiting minority students.
3. Regents are concerned about losing top profession medical and pharmacy students who choose to go to schools that can provide support to the students.

University of California President Mark Yudof signed a policy of self-support programs at the Masters level, not PhD.

Chair Raffai will oversee the review of new Master’s Degree Program on Biomedical Imaging at UCLA.
No report

**Dean’s Report – Acting Dean, Joe Castro, Vice Chancellor for Student Academic Affairs**

First Year Funding Plan – Upon review of the proposed budget, the Graduate Program will need to request additional funding. The program has a shortfall of $1.25 million above and beyond current commitments. Chancellor Hellmann would like to see this program launched.

**Council of Graduate Deans –**

- President Yudof spent one and a half hours discussing graduate education, heightening awareness of the Graduate Education program.

- The UC Board of Regents will meet at Mission Bay on September 13-15, 2011. Vice Chancellor Castro will present information from this meeting to the Graduate Council. The plan for 2012 is to follow-up on specific strategies for competitiveness.

- President Yudof does not anticipate mid-year tuition hike. This may reflect in a higher tuition increase next year.

- Strategic Plans for Funding:
  - Chancellor Hellmann has made fund raising for student support at campus a priority in upcoming fund raising.
  - President Yudof is planning several system-wide fund raising events with top CEO’s in California, asking for contributions with a 5-year commitment those who care about, and benefit from, graduate education.

- Graduate Diversity, the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) will hold it meeting on *Empowering Innovation & Synergy through Diversity* on October 26-30, 2011 in San Jose, California. Twenty-five UCSF faculty/students will attend. He is a major sponsor of this event.

- Dr. Castro will meet with several graduate program directors to see what is needed to be done by the Dean’s office to move forward the placement of a new Dean.

**Funding Stream Proposal - Vice Chancellor of Finance, Eric Vermillion and Assistant Vice Chancellor of Budget & Resources, Teresa Constantinidis**

The 2011-2012 UC Office of the President State budget process impacts UCSF in four ways:

1. Loss of $38.2m of State educational appropriation
2. Loss of $18.0m Systemwide Research Funds
3. Gain of $3.2m from Student Tuition
4. Loss Systemwide of $8.7m due to Funding Streams and Rebenching Process. (This initiative was implemented during the July 1, 2011.)

In addition to this, UCSF must self-cut to pay for another $12.0m of fixed cost increases including salary, benefits, and retirement costs.

Funding Streams and Rebenching is a revised methodology for how the University of California allocates State general funds, tuition, indirect cost recoveries, and other core central funds to the individual campuses. Key components of the Funding Streams phase:

1. Allows revenue, including student tuition and fees and indirect cost recoveries, to remain tat source campuses instead of being pooled together and differentially reallocated by UCOP.
2. One key exception: sustains the redistribution of undergraduate financial aid across campuses, though it does eliminate graduate reallocations.

3. Implements a new expenditure tax on campuses, called a “Systemwide Assessment” that will be used to fund central UCOP operations: $278m total, 1.6% of annual current funds expense

4. Changes the methodology for calculating future campus augmentations and cuts

The new Funding Streams methodology for allocating budget reductions disadvantages UCSF

1. It redistributes UCSF state funds to other campuses
2. In 2011-2012 UCSF will receive a one-time partial relief—“glide path funding”—in $3.91m
3. UCSF may be subject to another cut of approximately $4.35m due to the pending 2011-2012 $100m trigger-based budget cut

**Rebenching**
The goal of Rebenching is to determine the best way to redistribute the existing state funding base.

1. A rebenching budget committee was formed in 2010 and is generating a proposal for redistribution of state funds across campuses
2. Includes as a goal the identification of the various primary functions of the university (teaching, research, public service, health science) and a goal of determining what the “proper” allocation to those functions should be
3. There was a strong inclination to use future incremental funding to reach identified goals, rather than redistributing exiting funds during a time of budget cuts, but both alternatives are still under consideration

It is important that Rebenching takes into account UCSF’s unique character as well as some of the outcomes of Funding Streams. Key factors include:

1. High cost of health science education
2. Significant expense to maintain medical education facilities
3. Need for baseline support regardless of student numbers
4. Challenge of a taxation model based on federal expenditure totals
5. UCSF is currently paying a large proportion (18%) of the systemwide assessment despite accounting for a small portion (5.5%) of the state funds and student fees
6. Many UCOP services are not applicable to UCSF programs
7. The existing Funding Streams allocation methodology hurts UCSF on an on-going basis

Eric Vermillion suggested additional questions could be sent to him via e-mail.

**Senate Analyst’s Report**
The Academic Senate will present the Faculty Research Lecture Award in Clinical Science to Eric J. Small, MD, at 3:30 on Monday, October 24, 2011 in Cole Hall.

**Postdoctoral Scholars – Christine DesJarlais**
No report.

**Graduate Students’ Association (GSA) Report – Jason Tien, GSA Representative**
The UC Students Association, of which GSA is a member, will be working to increase the number of voting students on the Board of Regents. There were a number of reasons to pursue this goal, but one primary motivation is to acknowledge that students now bear a greater proportion of the cost of supporting the University than the State.

**Postdoctoral Scholars Association Report – Minhua Zhu, PSA Representative**
No report.
**Fellowship Sub-Committee**
The subcommittee discusses and reviews nominations for those competing for funds from the Graduate Dean. Due to absenteeism, this issue will be taken up at the next meeting.

Those who have expressed interest are:
Dorothy Porter
Ed Murphy
Pam England

**COCOI/Graduate Course Review Subcommittee** —
The Committee on Courses of Instruction has requested that the Graduate Division form a review committee to review graduate division courses on the Academic Senate Course Review system. Course Review administrator, Kathleen Dargan, will provide training for this process.

Those who have expressed interest in the course review committee are:
Karen Duderstadt
Dorothy Porter

Due to absenteeism, the issue will be discussed and the final selection will be made at the November 10, 2011 meeting.

**Program Name Change: Certificate Program in Biomedical Research (CPBR)**
Vote: Not approved. The Committee requested clarification.

**Petition for a Designated Emphasis on Complex Biological Systems for Biophysics and Biological & Medical Informatics Graduate Programs**
Vote: Approved

**Global Health Capstone Options**
Chair Raffai presented a document on Global Health Capstone Options.

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