The Graduate Council was called to order by Vice Chair Seo on January 17, 2013 at 2:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

The minutes of November 29, 2012 were approved.

Vice Chair’s Report – Youngho Seo
The CCGA is considering a proposal from the UCLA Anderson School of Management to convert their programs from state-supported to self-supporting. CCGA has postponed consideration of the proposal due to the absence of a clear UCOP policy regarding the conversion of state-supported to self-supporting programs. The Office of the President indicated that the President has the discretion to make a final decision regardless of any recommendation from CCGA.

Dean’s Report – Elizabeth Watkins

Analysis of employment data for our own graduates from 1997-2006 is largely positive. Nearly 80% of our students are moving on to research-based careers. Some highlights:

Placing graduates into academic research or teaching positions:
National Average: 43%
UCSF: 53%
Placing graduates into industrial research:
National Average: 18%
UCSF: 22%

Placing graduates into government research:
National Average: 6%
UCSF: 3%

Placing graduates into science related non-research:
National Average: 18%
UCSF: 19%

Placing graduates into non-science related positions:
National Average: 13%
UCSF: 3%

Unemployed:
National Average: 2%
UCSF: insufficient data

The Graduate Dean is now a member of the Budget Strategy Group giving her an opportunity to explain to colleagues what the finances of a graduate program look like and why they do not fit the model of clinical students (e.g. more students do not = more operating money).

There is considerable enthusiasm on campus for international collaborations. Are we going to take more international students? Do our students go abroad in significant numbers ... for internships or short-term exchanges? Do we want them to? How might that impact time to degree? As faculty go abroad for research collaborations should students be part of that? If we bring international students here for short or long stays where will they live? Insufficient housing remains an ongoing challenge.

Campus Life Services recently notified long-time residents in campus housing of term limits, which has taken many residents by surprise; in a matter of months they will have to vacate their apartments to make room for new learners.

Chair’s Report – Tejal Desai
The chair echoed some of the issues brought up in the UCSF Biomedical Workforce Forum including diversity/pipeline issues. Attracting more applications from underrepresented students is still an issue that graduate programs need to work on. In general, most graduate programs have had increases in applications but bioengineering is back down to levels similar to 2011. 2012 was perhaps an anomalous year since there were over 700 applications.

The chair is also part of several meetings regarding on-line and new international collaborations. These two go hand and hand since many of the international collaborations have some online training component.

The Chair recently joined a UCOP committee to examine how UCOP funds are used for supporting Systemwide initiatives.

Senate Analyst’s Report
The Academic Senate has given the Faculty Research Lecture award to John Rubenstein for his work in neurodevelopment disorders such as autism and epilepsy. The lecture will be held on March 13 at Cole Hall on Parnassus.
Graduate Students’ Association (GSA) Report – Jason Tien, GSA Representative
The GSA has begun planning for Career and Research Day. In the past, efforts in this area have overlapped or competed with the efforts of the Office of Career and Professional Development or Graduate Student Internships for Career Exploration (GSICE) Program. This year, we are planning to bring scientists from UCSF to companies in the Bay Area so they can directly learn about how science is being done in these private enterprises.

Instead of hosting another alumni sit down dinner, the GSA will offer a seminar with alumni on how to engage in information interviews.

New & Ongoing Business
The Graduate Council reviewed the latest iteration of an MOU that proposes the free cross enrollment of students between Biomedical Imaging, Clinical Research, Global Health, and Translational Medicine. The MOU will be circulated among the Program Directors for consideration.

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