The Graduate Council was called to order by Chair Desai on March 14, 2013 at 2:10 p.m. A quorum was not present.

The minutes of February 14, 2013 were approved.

Chair's Report – Tejal Desai
The Academic Senate Coordinating Committee is looking at a host of issues from the Medical Center to the use of office space. Of particular interest to the Graduate Council are conversations around Academic Senate membership. A vote was taken to see if people would be in favor of faculty in a variety of series becoming voting members of the Academic Senate. Virtually all adjuncts voted to become Senate members.

Many adjunct faculty in basic science departments come from industry. Academic Senate membership implies intellectual property ownership. Will those adjunct faculty be required by UCSF to sign document that effectively surrendering their intellectual property. Typically an adjunct from industry would not want that kind of requirement

Staff at CCGA are investigating the possibility of a terminal degree for SOM students who complete the first two years and passed their boards, but for one or more reasons have difficulty with the clinical component and are unlikely to earn the MD.

CCGA is revising the policies governing self-supporting programs. The push to start self-supporting programs a few years ago was very successful; the pendulum has now swung in the other direction and there is increased anxiety about the perception of a privatized UC education.

Vice Chair's Report – Youngho Seo
None.
**Dean’s Report – Elizabeth Watkins**

We are in the midst of admissions season; students have about one more month before they have to commit to future enrollment.

The Graduate Division just submitted our renewal for the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) Initiative for Maximizing Student Development grant. The IMSD supports 16 URM students, 8 per year for the first two years. I’d like to call on members of the Council to consider becoming a mentor to our IMSD students and otherwise help us expand the pool of potential faculty mentors across the campus. Please share this possibility with your colleagues as appropriate. Similarly, we are seeking to work with additional faculty to host SRTP students. Both efforts are meant to guide students into labs so that they have positive rotation experiences all with an eye toward retention.

We are beginning to think about putting together a postdoc advisory board. A number of faculty around campus have more postdocs than graduate students. A portion of postdocs are perfectly happy to find their own way, but a number of others are feeling somewhat disengaged and would appreciate a more structured way to interface with the institution, with each other, and with their careers beyond the postdoc association. This new board would operate in parallel with the Graduate Council.

Bill Lindstaedt, Director of the Office of Career Development, Chris Des Jurlais, and Terri O’Brien are proposing an Institute for Career Development to the Office of the EVC-P.

**Senate Analyst’s Report**

None.

**Graduate Students’ Association (GSA) Report – Jason Tien, GSA Representative**

Dean Watkins for the GSA: The results of the childcare grant survey show that 48 people sought to preregister for the grant; of that number 34 were eligible. The grant will be supported with $80k from the Graduate Division and $26k from the EVC-P. The grant will not be restricted to GSRs but open to all PhD students.

**New & Ongoing Business**

**Applying to more than one Program**

Basic science program directors recently discussed the idea of whether or not students could apply to more than program and they overwhelmingly rejected the idea. Informal “trading” of applications already occurs between programs behind the scenes and this is deemed sufficient. Formalizing the process would involve a good deal of time and costly reprogramming of our application system. PSPG, DSCB, and Bioengineering are three programs that are particularly enthusiastic about generating a more robust informal trading of applications; this effort will be pursued through the Program Administrators.

**Self-supporting MOU**

Clinical Research has declined to participate in the MOU as their classes do not easily accommodate visitors. The remaining self-supporting programs, Biomedical Imaging, Global Health Sciences, and Translational Medicine are prepared to move forward. The Council will invite self-supporting program leaders to a future Council meeting.

**Concurrent enrollment (online?) elsewhere**

Fully supported PhD may pursue an additional concurrent degree with the permission of their advisor and program director. For some students an additional degree may be complimentary with doctoral study. Pursuit of additional degree without leave from the advisor/director may jeopardize
student standing in the UCSF degree program. This limitation does not apply to self supported students.

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