Communication from the Graduate Council
Tejal Desai, PhD, Chair

Re: Modification of Graduate Council Regulation V.

Dear Chair Finley,

The Graduate Council has reviewed Graduate Council Regulation Part V – Committees for Higher Degrees that regulates who is eligible to serve on dissertation and qualifying exams. The Council is proposing changes that would allow the Graduate Council to make the decision whether non-academic senate faculty can serve on committees. The deletion of #2 would eliminate the rule prohibiting Adjunct and Health Science Clinical faculty members from serving as Graduate Council Chair.

The Council, therefore, is proposing the following changes to Regulation V:

V. Committees for Higher Degrees
   A. Committees appointed to supervise the research and writing of the thesis or dissertation, or to conduct the doctoral qualifying examination or comprehensive examination for the master's degree, are composed of members of the San Francisco Division of the Academic Senate.
      1. Appointment of persons who are not members of the San Francisco Academic Senate requires administrative approval of the Program and concurrence of the Dean of the Graduate Division.

Rationale:

- The change would allow non-Academic Senate faculty members to serve on student committees.
- The Graduate Program would be allowed to decide who serves on student committees.
- This change would also eliminate the rule prohibiting Adjunct and Health Science Clinical faculty members from serving as Graduate Council Chair.

I respectfully submit these changes on behalf of the UCSF Graduate Council.

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