MINUTES

PRESENT: Youngho Seo (Chair), Karen Duderstadt (Vice Chair), Michele De Coteau, Melissa Hendershott (GSA), Tony Hunt, Susan Miller, Jason Rock, Richard Souza, Elizabeth Watkins, Sunita Ho, Mary Lynch, Mark Seielstad, John Ziegler.

ABSENT: Pam England, Janet Shim

GUESTS: Doug Carlson (permanent),

Minutes
February 13, 2014 minutes were approved.

Chair’s Report

The Health Policy and Law program is waiting for Chancellor’s signature. Once received, the program proposal will be submitted to the CCGA.

SSP policy is being refined and will be returned to the Graduate Council.

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
The CCGA submitted a review process regarding programs that are multi-campus programs. Currently the DNP program wants to start with 2 campuses (UCSF and UCI Irvine) and add UCLA and UC Davis in the future. While it is incumbent on UCSF and Irvine to develop courses, even if other campuses are starting later, UCSF and UCI must obtain course and financial commitments from other schools.

CCGA will approve any quality program, and will review/approve the 2-campus program, allowing UCSF and IRVINE to go to CCGA. If there are significant changes when the other two schools join, a review may be required at campus level.

CCGA Recommendations for Program Proposals
Based on documentation received from the CCGA (attached), Chair Seo requested that the following recommendations be adopted by the Graduate Council and included in program proposal guidelines:

- Masters Degree Capstone Requirements
  CCGA recommends the Master’s degree capstone requirements to be a comprehensive project and evaluated rigorously at least by two faculty reviewers when it is used instead of the traditional comprehensive examination or Master’s thesis.
Preferred Titles of Master’s Degrees
Proposals involving PDST or SSP funding should be described as professional degree proposals and should, by default, use Master of X (professional specialization) rather than M.A. or M.S. unless a good justification is made to use M.A. or M.S.

Vice Chair’s Report – Karen Duderstadt
None

PhD in Rehabilitation Science Program Review – John Ziegler
The council concluded that the program preparers had done their due diligence. Dean Watkins noted that letters of endorsement had been received.

VOTE: Council voted to approve the PhD in Rehabilitation Science Program.

ACTION: The program will be submitted to the Coordinating Committee upon receipt of a letter from the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration.

Dean’s Report – Elizabeth Watkins

Graduate Research Advocacy Day
Graduate Research Advocacy Day was held in Sacramento on Wednesday, March 12. Deans and graduate students from the 10 UC Campuses met with legislators to discuss UC research and highlight its significance to the state and national economies. Dean Watkins and two BMS students (who are also members of the science policy group) represented UCSF.

Unionization of Graduate Students:
Governor Brown vetoed SB 259; however there is now a new assembly bill to unionize GSRs. The UC system is working against its passage, arguing that academic employment as a researcher is part of the education and not “just a job.” At UCSF GSR benefits are very similar to the TA benefits afforded by that union contract. Last year the Graduate Student Association passed a referendum against unionization.

Discovery Fellows Reception
The Discovery Fellows program was made possible by the generous gift in September 2013 from Sir Michael Moritz, and his wife, Harriet Heyman. The first cohort of 50 Discovery Fellows is in place, and a reception was held in their honor on March 20th. Interim Chancellor and Dean of Medicine Sam Hawgood, Dean of Pharmacy Joseph Guglielmo, and Dean Watkins made remarks about the impact that the Discovery Fellows will have in their roles as student ambassadors. More than forty members faculty attended and the fellows had the opportunity to meet Harriet Heyman.

Graduate Student Support
On April 15th UC Provost and Executive Vice President Aimee Dorr will lead a system-wide meeting on graduate student support. Dean Watkins, Youngho Seo, Janet Shim, Matt Jacobson, and graduate student Raul Torres will represent UCSF.

School of Medicine Leadership Retreat: Creating a Culture of Transdisciplinary Education.
The theme of the January 2014 SOM Leadership Retreat was “Ahead of the Class: Leading the Learning Revolution.” To this end, much of the retreat was dedicated to brainstorming to create innovative initiatives. A number of themes emerged; one of these was creating a culture of transdisciplinary education. Graduate Students choose UCSF for the unique opportunity to conduct research in a medical science/center environment, and thus it is important to create bridges between the basic and clinical sciences. Keith Yamamoto, several Graduate Division faculty and Dean Watkins led a breakout group that
developed a proposal for an Experimental Transdisciplinary Curriculum. This proposal and others developed at the retreat are available on UCSF Open Proposals (https://open-proposals.ucsf.edu/).

3 minute thesis:
The Graduate Division’s Communications Director Jeannine Cuevas is working with an advisory committee of faculty, staff, and students to develop a Three-minute Thesis (3MT) research communication competition. 3MT was developed at the University of Queensland, Australia. The competition challenges advanced graduate students to present a compelling three-minute talk on their dissertation research and its significance in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience. At least 50 students must apply before the competition may be held. The first prize winner will receive $2000; all students who have advanced to candidacy will be eligible for the competition.

Guidelines for Program Academic Review  Michele de Coteau
The guidelines for academic reviews of the graduate programs are being updated to reflect recent changes in policy (e.g. new schedule for program reviews). The updated documents will be made available to the Graduate Council for review.

Dean Watkins noted that in light of recent WASC accreditation requirements, the programs’ self-studies should include a statement and analysis of student learning outcomes. A draft learning outcomes section has been prepared and will be reviewed before it is added to the guidelines for preparing the self-studies.

Chair Seo requested that the CCGA recommendations for new program proposals regarding master’s degree capstone requirements and the preferred titles for professional and academic master’s degrees be included in the review guidelines.

Merit Fellowship Reviews – Wendy Winkler Sawyer
There are 8 merit awards this year. The students are nominated by their programs, and the awardees are selected by the Graduate Council. Each application receives 3 reviews, and approximately 150 nomination packets are expected this year. The reviews begin on May 5 and are due May 29, 2014.

Graduate Student Association Report – Melissa Hendershott
The merger of student governments to represent graduate and professional students was approved by UCOP. Each program will retain its own sub government, i.e. pharm, physical therapy, nursing, etc.

Analyst’s Report – Kathleen Dargan

New Business
The council discussed the change in venue for 2014-15.

Old Business
None

There being no additional items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05.