



Graduate Council

Annual Report 2000-2001

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During the 2000-01 academic year the Graduate Council enjoyed a productive year during which it met ten times, with a quorum present at each meeting. The Council's work was augmented by the use of electronic communications, surveys and polls to gather data and facilitate communication amongst Council members in order to finalize Committee actions.

Issues reviewed and/or acted on by the Council included:

- Report of the Academic Senate Task Force on the Future of Clinician Scientists
- Proposal for the creation of a Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education
- Revision of Council bylaws
- Report and recommendations of the Council Post-Doctoral Sub-Committee regarding the Appointment and Mentoring of UCSF Research Postdoctoral Scholars
- Mission Bay planning
- Full review of two graduate programs and proposals

Campus-Wide Issues

Report of the Academic Senate Task Force on the Future of Clinician Scientists

The Report of the Academic Senate Task Force on the future of Clinician Scientists was reviewed by the Council in light of the recognition that the climate for clinician scientists working at UCSF has an impact on graduate students who are interested in patient-oriented research.

In its review of the report, the Council noted that it is of great importance that the University recognize the contribution made by clinician scientists at the UCSF campus. The Council emphasized that the University needs to provide the appropriate resources, equipment, space, infrastructure, and administrative support for both faculty and students to conduct clinical research. Such support should include a centralized mechanism to inform faculty and students of research opportunities and improved mentoring. These provisions are integral to the recruitment and retention of top clinical science faculty, which in turn has a direct effect on the experience of graduate students at UCSF.

Proposal for Creation of a Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education

The Graduate Council gave broad support to the proposal for a Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education. The Council recommended that the authors of the proposal clarify whether researchers would be postdoctoral or postgraduate and maintain clarity in this distinction. The Council welcomed the funding of postdoctoral fellow positions and the increased training opportunities that the Center will offer.

Revision of Graduate Council Bylaws

The Council completed a revision of current bylaws which was submitted to the Academic Senate Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction for further review.

Report and Recommendations of the Council Post-Doctoral Sub-Committee Regarding the Appointment and Mentoring of UCSF Research Postdoctoral School

Following discussions that occupied several meetings throughout the year, the Council unanimously approved recommendations of the Council Postdoctoral Subcommittee relating to issues of salary, benefits, and mentoring of postdoctoral scholars at UCSF. The proposals recommended by the report were presented to the Academic Senate Coordinating Committee on April 17, 2001 and at the Academic Senate Division meeting on June 2001.

The full text of the proposal is available at <http://saa49.ucsf.edu/psa/page22.html>

Mission Bay Planning

Executive Vice Chancellor Zach Hall and Georgianne Meade, Director of the Office of Research Development attended the Council's February meeting to provide an overview of recent developments at Mission Bay and to address the concerns of the Council regarding library resources, classroom facilities, and shuttle services for graduate students. The meeting was informational only; the Council took no action on these issues.

Other

The Graduate Council was pleased to invite Christine Des Jarlais to attend as a permanently invited guest of the Council. Dr. Des Jarlais was appointed Assistant Dean of Graduate Outreach and Postdoctoral Affairs in February 2001.

Review of Graduate Programs and Proposals

Nursing and Biomedical Science Reviews

Representatives from Graduate Council were appointed to both these reviews. Overall, both reviews appeared favorable and the research, faculty, and students were given high ratings

School of Nursing Doctoral Program

The Council reviewed both the proposal for a new School of Nursing Doctoral Program and the review of this program conducted by the Graduate Division. The Council indicated broad support for the proposal and raised general concerns specific to both the nursing school (curriculum issues) and those related to campus-wide issues (the cost of housing in the Bay area). The Council produced a communication directed to Dean Kathleen Dracup, School of Nursing requesting a written report describing plans for strengthening an already strong proposal. This report will be submitted in early fall 2001.

School of Pharmacy Proposal for a Graduate Group and a Program of Graduate Studies in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacogenomics (PSPG) at UCSF

The new PSPG Program includes collaboration with existing non-degree Programs at UCSF in Human Genetics and Pharmacogenomics, and with the School of Pharmacy's doctoral degree Program in Chemistry and Chemical Biology. The program aims to meet a rising need in academia and in the pharmaceutical industry for well-trained pharmacology PhDs. Both the School of Pharmacy Faculty Council and the Graduate Council unanimously endorsed this proposal and endorsement on behalf of the Academic Senate was communicated by Lawrence Pitts, Chair, Academic Senate in a letter to Dorothy Bainton, Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, in February, 2001. Chancellor J. Michael Bishop conveyed the support of the campus to Provost and Senior Vice-President King.

Proposal to Extend the Current Joint UCSF/CSU Masters of Science in Physical Therapy

Following extensive discussions and two reviews, the Graduate Council gave its full support to this proposal. The program will help to fill the need for a greater number of Doctoral PT graduates and will solidify the collaboration between UCSF and CSU. Endorsement on behalf of the Academic Senate was communicated by Lawrence Pitts, Chair, Academic Senate in a letter to Dorothy Bainton, Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, in February 2001. Chancellor J. Michael Bishop conveyed the support of the campus to Provost and Senior Vice-President King.

Medical Anthropology

The Council indicated that the report from Anthropology in response to the Report of the External Review Committee did not adequately address the issues and concerns raised regarding length of time to degree, lack of a training grants, and insufficient graduate student support. The Council held several discussions regarding the proposal and welcomed Program Chair, Phillippe Bourgois to its December meeting. The Council was

unable to give its full support to the proposal originally submitted by Medical Anthropology and is waiting further information and comments before further review.

The School for Advanced Health Studies

The Council indicated conceptual support for the initial proposal. The Council referred this item for discussion in the new year when a final proposal is submitted and further details regarding resource considerations, appointment and placement of faculty, and location of grants is available.

School of Nursing Enrollment Increase

The Graduate Council supported the School of Nursing plan to increase enrollment by 32 additional Masters Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN) students and 12 additional master of science students in the nursing education specialty. Support was conveyed to Lawrence Pitts, Chair of the Academic Senate.

Other

The Council gave approval for name change to establish the UCB/UCSF Joint Genetic Counseling Program in place of the “UC Berkeley (UCB) Genetics Counseling Program to the. This name change is on hold pending further discussion by the UC Berkeley Academic Senate Graduate Council.

The Council unanimously approved the name change of the Medical Information Graduate Program to the Medical Program in Biological and Medical Informatics.

System-Wide Issues

The Council received regular updates of system-wide activities and discussions:

- The Coordinating Council for Graduate Affairs (CCGA) approved the UCSF Chemistry and Chemical Biology PhD program.
- The Council welcomed the creation of the Regental Commission on Graduate Education, which will analyze and make recommendations regarding graduate student support, graduate enrollment growth, areas of growth, and other resource issues.
- The Council was informed of two new outreach efforts recently funded, which include Leadership Excellence through Advanced Degrees (UC LEADS) and the Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP). UC Leads provides support for 16 undergraduate students per campus to pursue mentored research activities; and, the NSF funded AGEP program provides for student academic enrichment, opportunities for prospective students to meet the UCSF faculty, and

outreach to masters' students in the State University system. The Council was enthusiastic in its support of both these initiatives.

Issues for Consideration 2001-2002

- The Council requested a communication from Dean Kathleen Dracup in response to an initial review of a proposal for a new School of Nursing Doctoral Program. This communication is expected in September/October, 2001, and a final review of the proposal should be produced immediately following.
- Final review of Medical Anthropology graduate programs have been postponed until further information regarding length of time to degree, lack of training grants, and insufficient graduate student support could be provided by the Anthropology department. Further review of these programs will take place pending receipt of this information.
- The Council referred discussion of the proposed School for Advanced Health Studies to the 2001-2002 academic year. This review will take place pending the submission of a final proposal.
- **Programs scheduled for review in 2001-2002 are:**

Oral Biology
Physical Therapy
Medical Informatics

Respectfully submitted,

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