



ACADEMIC SENATE

Graduate Council**Annual Report 2001-2002**

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Meeting Schedule

During the 2001-2002 academic year, the Graduate Council held five scheduled meetings of the committee as a whole. As the UCSF Graduate Council representative, Vice Chair Feuerstein attended the monthly meetings of the Systemwide Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA). Dean Attkisson, as Vice Chair of the Council of Graduate Deans, also attended the CCGA meetings. Drs. Boris Peterlin and Lynn Verhey served as Graduate Council representatives to the committee to review the proposal for the School of Advanced Health Studies. Drs. Kroetz and Hylton served as Council Reviewers for the proposal for the Center for Health and Community, as well as Council representatives to the Postdoctoral Scholar sub-committee. Drs. Stotts, Verhey, and Lane served on the Council Fellowship Committee.

Issues and Actions by Council

Academic Program Review of the Ph.D. program in Biological and Medical Informatics and the M.S. program in Physical Therapy

- The Graduate Council reviewed the Ph.D. program in Biological and Medical Informatics (Dr. Lane, liaison) and the M.S. program in Physical Therapy (Dr. Chavetz, liaison). The external review reports were very favorable overall and clearly delineated strengths and specific recommendations for improvement. The Physical Therapy program subsequently provided a response to Council regarding the recommendations; Council will review the response from BMI during Fall 2002.

External Program Review Report for the Graduate Program in Nursing

- Nursing provided a thorough response to Council's questions and the External Review committee's recommendations. Council was pleased with the efforts placed on student evaluation and advising.

Medical Anthropology Response to the Academic Program Review External Report

- The program satisfactorily responded to the areas of concern of the Council regarding the academic program review that took place during academic year 1999-2000. Council was pleased to know that plans are underway to apply for a training grant and that increased effort has been placed on increasing student funding and reducing time to degree completion.

Proposal for the Appointment and Mentoring of UCSF Research Postdoctoral Scholars

- Council continued discussion on the Proposal for the Appointment and Mentoring of Postdoctoral Scholars that was approved by Council in academic year 2000-2001. Recommendations were prioritized for development and implementation. The Council placed as a priority item the mentoring of postdocs. A sub-committee was appointed to provide recommendations on faculty mentoring guidelines to the newly appointed Council in fall 2002, in addition to assisting with the implementation and study of other recommendations.

Graduate Council Participation in the Review of the Proposed School of Advanced Health Studies

- Council discussed various issues and concerns related to the 5th School Proposal, which included faculty appointments, resource needs, support of the deans and chancellor, and the identification of a leader to further develop the proposal. Suggestions included the formation of a center, ORU, or integrating with existing programs to possibly meet societal needs without the creation of a new school.

Review of the Proposed Policy for the Clinical Professor Series

- Graduate Council reviewed the draft language for the clinical professor series and subsequently informed Academic Senate Chair Bikle that Council supported the new policy.

Review of Graduate Council By-Laws

- Council reviewed the Graduate Council by-laws, recommended various changes, and forwarded the final draft to the Academic Senate office.

Minimum Compensation Levels for Postdoctoral Scholars and Advanced Health Science Fellows

- Council discussed the increase of the minimum compensation levels for postdoctoral scholars on the UCSF campus, which is equal to the NIH minimum for entry-level postdocs. Salaries for postdocs and advanced health science fellows have increased from \$28,260 to \$31,092 for awards made on or after October 1, 2001.

Selection of Graduate Student Fellowships

- The Graduate Fellowship Sub-Committee reviewed and selected students for the Chancellor's, ARCS, President's Dissertation, Mentorship, Krevans and Kozloff, Social Science Research, and Cota Robles Fellowships. This sub-committee consisted of Drs. Nancy Stotts, Lynn Verhey, and Nancy Lane.

Updates

The Coordinating Committee for Graduate Affairs (CCGA) approved the joint Doctoral Degree in Physical Therapy Sciences degree (D.P.T.Sc.) in May 2001. The degree program received final approval by the Joint CSU/UC Graduate Board on August 20, 2001.

President Atkinson approved the establishment of the Ph.D. program in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacogenomics in the School of Medicine and School of Pharmacy on August 8, 2001.

The Master's of Advanced Studies degree in Clinical Research was reviewed and approved by CCGA in February 2002. The new degree program was subsequently approved by the Office of the President in April 2002.

Dean Attkisson presented a proposal of the Council of Graduate Deans to UCOP regarding compensation levels for postdocs, GSRs, and PGRs. UCOP subsequently approved the proposal and the addition of salary steps for the GSR and PGR titles.

Issues for Academic Year 2002-03

- Response from the Biomedical Sciences program regarding the External Program Review Report.
- Response from the Biological and Medical Informatics program regarding the External Program Review Report.
- Academic Program Reviews for selected graduate degree programs to be determined.
- Recommendations from the postdoctoral scholar sub-committee regarding mentoring guidelines.
- On-going review and implementation of recommendations on the appointment and mentoring of postdoctoral scholars.
- Invitation to Nancy Byl, Chair of Physical Therapy, to discuss proposed plans for a new Doctorate in Physical Therapy (D.P.T.), in addition to other programmatic issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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