



GRADUATE COUNCIL

2006-2007 ANNUAL REPORT

Farid Chehab, Ph.D.
Chair

During the 2006-2007 academic year (October through June), the Graduate Council held one meeting on the third Thursday of each month for a total of nine meetings. As the UCSF Graduate Council representative, Chair Farid Chehab attended the bi-monthly meetings of the UCSF Coordinating Committee and monthly systemwide Coordinating Committee of Graduate Affairs (CCGA) and participated in policy development and analysis and the review of UC graduate programs.

UCSF Graduate Council members participated in the following sub-committees, task forces and reviews:

- Child Care sub-committee members included Barbara Gerbert, Theresa O'Brien, Dennis Nielson, and Holly Kennedy.
- The Fellowship committee consisted of Holly Kennedy, David Saloner, Fred Schaufele, Kimberly Topp, Richard Shafer, and Dennis Nielson.
- The Council liaison to the Academic Program Review for Medical Anthropology was Holly Kennedy.
- The Student Grievance Policy sub-committee included Kimberly Topp, Holly Kennedy, and Farid Chehab.
- The Academic Senate sub-committee to review the UCSF Five Year Perspective included Council representatives Farid Chehab and Elizabeth Watkins.
- Jeff Lansman was the lead reviewer for the proposal for a self-supporting Master's Degree in Medical Science and Technology Studies.
- Jeff Lansman represented the Council to a Senate Task Force to review SR 694 and SR 695.
- Jeff Lansman and David Saloner represented the Council to a Task force to review IRBs.
- Fred Schaufele represented the Council to a Task Force Reviewing and Recommending Comment to the Recommendations of the Joint Academic Senate/UCOP Workgroup on Recycling Multicampus Research Unit Funds.
- Richard Shafer represented the Council to a Task Force reviewing the role of Graduate Students in University Instruction.
- Dennis Nielson was the lead reviewer for the proposed Joint UCSF/SFSU Doctor of Audiology Degree.
- Elizabeth Watkins was the lead reviewer for the self-supporting Master's Degree in Global Health Sciences.
- The 2007 Krevans Distinguished Dissertation Award subcommittee consisted of Fred Schaufele, Richard Shafer, and Pat Calarco.
- The UC Cancer Research Coordinating Committee Fellowship nominations consisted of David Saloner and Farid Chehab.

- Members of Strategic Planning Initiative committees included Kimberly Topp, Jeff Lansman, Barbara Gerbert, Fred Schaufele, and David Saloner.
- Farid Chehab chaired and Jeff Lansman served on the Senate Task Force to review the UCSF Five-Year perspective
- Farid Chehab represented the Council to a Senate Task Force to review the School of Medicine proposal to rename the Institute for Health Policy Studies to be the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies.
- Farid Chehab served as the Council representative to the Graduate Dean Search Committee.

Issues reviewed and acted upon by the Council included:

External Report of the Academic Program Review of Medical Sociology

- The Council reviewed the report, submitted its recommendations to the program in 2006, and received a response in fall 2007. The Council met separately with program leaders and the Dean of the School of Nursing to discuss the strengths of the program and ways to implement the external committee recommendations in upcoming years. The Dean will report back to the Council in 2009 for an update on the Program's progress.

External Report of the Academic Program Review of Bioengineering

- The Council reviewed the report, submitted recommendations to the program, and planned to receive a response in 2006. Since no response was received, the review will not be finalized until fall 2007.

External Report of the Academic Program Review of Medical Anthropology

- The Council reviewed the report, submitted recommendations to the program, and plans to receive a response in fall 2007.

Review and Development of a New Student Grievance Policy

- The Council actively participated in the revisions to the Student Grievance Policy and approved the proposed changes. The revised document was sent to the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction for edits and approval, and the policy was subsequently approved by the membership of the Academic Senate.

Proposal for a Self-Supporting Master's Degree Program in Global Health Sciences

- The Council reviewed the proposal, met with program faculty members, and approved the master's degree program. The proposal was then presented and discussed at the Executive Coordinating Committee by Farid Chehab and Elizabeth Watkins. The proposal was then approved by the Coordinating Committee and the Academic Senate before being forwarded to the Chancellor's office for submission to CCGA and UCOP.

Proposal for a Joint UCSF/SFSU Doctor of Audiology Degree Program

- The Council reviewed the proposal, recommended additional information, and requested that the program provide a response in the fall of 2007 for further review.

Proposal for a Self-Supporting Master's Degree Program in Medical Science and Technology Studies

- The Council reviewed the proposal, met with faculty members, and requested a revised proposal in fall 2007 for further review.

Updates

The Graduate Division provided Council student data on fall quarter 2006 enrollment by program, school, and degree program.

The Graduate Division provided Council demographic and benefits information on postdoctoral scholars. The Council was also provided with information on a presentation by the AAMC on the “Compact between Postdoctoral Appointees and Their Mentors.”

The PSA and GSA, in collaboration with the UCSF Police Department, conducted a Safety and Security Survey for postdocs and students.

The Council met with UCSF Librarian Karen Butter to discuss the role of the Library in reviewing new graduate degree and certificate proposals to ensure the availability of discipline-specific collections. Julia Kochi provided information on the role of the Library in accepting and archiving electronic dissertations.

The Graduate Division provided information on the UCOP proposal to increase the minimum salary for UC postdoctoral scholars.

Chancellor Bishop provided \$1 million for graduate student support for 2007-2008.

The UCSF proposal for a joint UCSF/CSU Fresno Doctor of Physical Therapy program was approved by CCGA, UCOP, and the Joint UC/CSU Advisory Board.

The Council was provided with updates throughout the year on the activities and progress of the UCSF Strategic Planning Initiative.

The Council was updated on the National Research Council (NRC) assessment of graduate programs project by the Graduate Division.

Issues to Consider in 2007-2008

- Continued discussion of student and postdoc safety concerns
- Proposal for a self-supporting Master’s Degree in Medical Science and Technology Studies
- Proposal for a Joint UCSF/SFSU Doctor of Audiology Program
- Medical Anthropology Program Review response.
- Bioengineering Program Review response.
- UC Campus-optional master’s thesis submission fee.
- Discussion of benefits coverage for postdoctoral scholars and their dependents.

- Continued discussion and course of action for issues related to child care concerns.
- Discussion and actions regarding the National Research Council (NRC) Assessment
- Fellowship review and awards
- Academic Program Review of two graduate programs (to be determined).
- Proposal for a Master's Degree in Dental Hygiene

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Barbara Gerbert

Holly Kennedy

Jeff Lansman

Dennis Nielson

David Saloner

Fred Schaufele

Richard Shafer

Kimberly Topp

Catherine Waters

Elizabeth Watkins

Interim Graduate Dean Pat Calarco, voting ex officio

Assistant Dean Christine DesJarlais, ex officio

PSA Representatives, Greg Potter and Anna Lazic

GSA Representative Theresa O'Brien

Academic Senate Senior Analyst Heather Alden