



Graduate Council
Jeff Lansman, PhD, Chair

ANNUAL REPORT 2007-2008

Primary Focus Points for the Year:

- Review of three Academic Programs (Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Neuroscience and Clinical Research)
- Review of two proposed master's degrees (Science and Technology Studies in Medicine and Dental Hygiene)

Task Forces, Special Committees, and Sub-Committees:

- Academic Program Review of the Chemistry and Chemical Biology Graduate Program (Fred Schaufele)
- Academic Program Review of the Neuroscience Graduate Program (Kimberly Topp)
- Academic Program Review of the MAS Program in Clinical Research (Ed Yelin)
- Proposal for the Master of Science in Science and Technology Studies in Medicine (Jeff Lansman)
- Proposal for the Master of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene (Elizabeth Watkins)
- 2007 Krevans Distinguished Dissertation Award Committee (Jeff Lansman, Kimberly Topp and Farid Chehab, Graduate Division Faculty Liaison)
- Graduate Division Fellowship Committee (Michael Beattie, Charlene Harrington, Jeff Lansman, Dennis Nielson, Fred Schaufele, Richard Shafer, Kimberly Topp and Ed Yelin)
- Task Force to Review the Proposal for a New Department of Bioengineering and Therapeutic Sciences (Jeff Lansman)
- Task Force to Review of the UCSF Five Year Perspective (Jeff Lansman, Task Force Chair)

Issues for Next Year (2008-2009)

- Bioengineering Program Review response
- CCB, Neuroscience, and Clinical Research Program Review Response
- Task Force recommendations on the Academic Program Review Process
- Discussion and actions regarding the National Research Council (NRC) Assessment
- Fellowship review and awards
- Academic Program Review of two graduate programs (PSPC and another to be determined)
- Discussion of instituting policies that establish priorities and mechanisms for insuring that academic departments, research units, and institutes pay a fair share of costs of interdisciplinary graduate programs
- Discussion of mechanisms to support committed effort by faculty in the area of graduate teaching

2007-2008 Members

Jeff Lansman, Chair

**Elizabeth Watkins, Vice Chair and
CCGA Representative**

Michael Beattie
Charlene Harrington
Yadong Huang
Holly Kennedy
Sarah Nelson
Dennis Nielson
Fred Schaufele
Richard Shafer
Kimberly Topp
Ed Yelin

Ex-Officio Members

Pat Calarco, Dean, Graduate Division
Christine Des Jarlais, Assistant Dean, Postdoctoral Affairs
Karen Nelson, Assistant Dean, Graduate Council Secretary
Laurie Stepanek, Postdoctoral Scholars Association Representative
John Fecondo, Graduate Student Association Representative
Heather Alden, Academic Senate Liaison

Number of Meetings: 6

Council Secretary: Karen Nelson (Academic Senate Liaison, Heather Alden)

Systemwide Business

The Graduate Council took up the following Systemwide issues this year:

Review of Proposed Amendments to Senate Regulations 694 and 695

The Council reviewed and provided recommendations on the CCGA [Proposed Amendment to Senate Regulations 694 and proposed new Senate Regulation 695](#) dealing with residency requirements for on-line programs.

Divisional Business

This year, the Graduate Council took up the following issues related to the San Francisco Division:

External Report of the Academic Program Review of Chemistry and Chemical Biology

The Council reviewed the report, submitted recommendations to the program, and expects to receive a response in Fall 2008.

External Report of the Academic Program Review of Neuroscience

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External Report of the Academic Program Review of Clinical Research

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Review of the Academic Program Review Policies and Procedures

The Task Force is reviewing the process and plans to have recommendations to the Council and the Graduate Dean in Fall 2008

Proposal for a Master of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene

The Council unanimously approved the proposal with the addendum of support letters and a more comprehensive budget. Once these are complete, the proposal will be forwarded to the UCSF Division of the Academic Senate for review and a vote.

Postdoctoral Scholars

The Graduate Division provided Council demographic and benefits information on postdoctoral scholars.

UCSF Library

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. Gail Persily provided an update on the replacement of the WebCT.

Carnegie Foundation Initiative “The Future of the PhD”

Michael Beattie provided an overview of the Carnegie Foundation initiative, “Future of the PhD.”

Support for Graduate Students.

Chancellor Bishop provided \$500,000 for graduate student support for 2008-2009.

The Graduate Dean was successful in securing additional resources for graduate student support through USAP funds.

Task Forces and Other Committee Service

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Going Forward

Ongoing issues under review or actions which the Committee will continue into 2008-2009:

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