

**Graduate Council**  
**Robert Raffai, PhD, Chair**

## ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

**Primary Focus Points for the Year:**

- Request from the Certificate Program in Biomedical Research to change its name to “Pathways to Discovery Certificate Program.
- Petition for a Designated Emphasis on Complex Biological Systems for Biophysics and Biological & Medical Informatics Graduate Programs
- Academic Program Review of the Oral & Craniofacial Sciences Academic Program
- Review and approval of the MS in Healthcare Administration and Inter-professional Leadership

**Task Forces, Special Committees, and Sub-Committees:**

- Graduate Division Merit Fellowship Nomination Review Subcommittee
- Academic Program Review of the Biophysics Program (Daniel Fried)
- Proposal for the Masters of Science Degree in Biomedical Imaging
- Proposal for the Masters Degree in Translational Science
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Steering Committee (Sergio Baranzini & Pat Calarco)

**Issues for Next Year (2012-2013)**

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**2011-2012 Members**

**Robert Raffai, Chair and CCGA  
Representative**

Tejal Desai, Vice Chair  
Sergio Baranzini  
Mark Courey  
Karen Duderstadt  
Pam England  
Mark Fried  
Joseph Guydish  
Soo-Jeong Lee  
Susan Miller  
Edward Murphy  
Dorothy Porter

Mark Seielstad  
Youngho Seo  
Christian Vaisse

**Ex-Officio Members**

Joseph Castro, Interim Dean, Graduate Division  
Elizabeth Watkins, Dean, Graduate Division  
Christine Des Jarlais, Assistant Dean, Postdoctoral Affairs  
Peter Taylor, Assistant Dean, Graduate Council Secretary  
Lixian Zhong, Postdoctoral Scholars Association Representative  
Jason Tien, Graduate Student Association Representative  
Kathleen Dargan, Academic Senate Liaison

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**Number of Meetings: 9**

**Council Secretary:** Peter Taylor (Academic Senate Liaison, Kathleen Dargan)

### Systemwide Business

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

**Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA)**

Committee Chair Robert Raffai attended Systemwide meetings on behalf of UCSF. Among items discussed were:

- Development of new on-line courses for self-supporting programs.
- A Senate Task Force has been created to study new ways to better support graduate students other than the R-01 grants.
- Steve Beckwith, the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies at UCOP is heading a taskforce to address the economic impact on graduate education within UC.
- A proposal for the unionization of Graduate students and TA's.
- The inclusion of all non-current UCSF faculty series into the Academic Senate.
- Chair Raffai oversaw the review of new Master's Degree Program on Biomedical Imaging at UC Riverside.

Separately, CCGA reviewed and approved:

- The conversion of the Nursing NDS to a PhD for UCSF nursing alumni.
- The creation of a new joint (with UC Berkeley) Master of Translational Medicine program

## Divisional Business

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

### **Review of the Graduate Program in Biophysics**

The Council concluded a review of the program (begun in 2010-11) and provided program leadership with the External Report and relevant correspondence.

### **Petition for a Designated Emphasis in Complex Biological Systems for Biophysics and Biological & Medical Informatics Graduate Programs**

The Council voted to approve the creation of a Designated Emphasis option for students in Biophysics and BMI graduate programs.

### **Masters of Translational Medicine (MTM)**

The Graduate Council reviewed and approved the revised proposal (attached). Due to the fact that the substance and curriculum of the proposal were unchanged, the Academic Senate and Chancellor's office did not need to review or approve the revisions. [MTM transmittal letter.pdf](#) This new degree program was approved by the CCGA on 7/11/12 and will admit new students in Fall of 2013.

### **Oral and Craniofacial Sciences Academic Program Review**

At the time of the program review, the T-90 training grant received a low score and was not reviewed. The grant is being revised and prepared for resubmission.

### **Phase out of joint DPT with CSU Fresno and UCSF**

With the passing of AB2382 CSU Fresno will be offering the independent 3 year DPT in the fall of 2011 and therefore plan to phase out the joint DPT in spring 2014.

### **"Future of UCSF" working group**

Chair of the Academic Senate, Robert Newcomer, and Vice Chair Farid Chehab briefed the Council on the work of the Future of UCSF Working Group.

### **Fellowship Sub-Committee**

The Fellowship Sub-Committee consists of Sergio Baranzini, Pam England, Soo-Jeong Lee, Susan Miller, Ed Murphy, Dorothy Porter, Robert Raffai, Mark Seielstad and Youngho Seo. The sub-committee reviewed nominations for those completing for funds from the Graduate Division.

### **Course Review Subcommittee**

The Council will partner with the Committee on Courses of Instruction to recruit faculty from various UCSF programs to serve as reviewers for new and emended courses.

### **Changes of the CPBR**

The Certificate Program in Biomedical Research proposed changes in the curricular structure of the program that will make it possible for students to complete the program either in 12 consecutive months or, depending on their funding source and with permission of a pathways director, by completing separate blocks of 9 and 3 months. The Council voted to approve this curricular alteration.

### **Retroactive change of Nursing Degree from D.N.S to Ph.D.**

The School of Nursing requested that the alumni of the UCSF School of Nursing be allowed to change their Doctoral of Nursing Science (DNS or D.N.Sc.) degree to a Ph.D. The Council discussed the issue and submitted a request for additional information. Following a response from Dean Vlahov, the request was approved. [SON.DNS to PHD prop.pdf](#)

### **MS in Healthcare Administration and Interprofessional Leadership – School of Nursing, Mary Louise Fleming**

The UCSF School of Nursing (SON) proposed a new Master of Science (MS) degree in Healthcare Administration and Interprofessional Leadership (MHA-IL) to meet the demands of the changing health care environment, increase the number of trained healthcare leaders in interprofessional teamwork, and generate a source of revenue for the School of Nursing. The program is a response to local, national and international calls for graduate healthcare education to move beyond discipline-based silos. Course selection, program design and mode of delivery ensure academic integrity while promoting access to a novel and innovative program. The program is developed in collaboration with the UCSF Center for the Health Professions (CHP) and aligns with the UCSF Chancellor's support for online and interprofessional health education. The new program also complements the work of the Center for Innovation in Interprofessional Education and the Clinical and the Translational Science Institute (CTSI), all located at UCSF, easing access, support and cooperation among programs.

Following review and feedback from the committees on Academic Planning and Budget, Courses of Instruction, and Education Policy, the Council requested a response to the concerns raised by each of the three committees as well as those raised by the Council. Following Dr. Fleming's response, the proposal was approved by the Graduate Council and submitted to the UCSF Division of the Academic Senate for a vote that will close on August 28<sup>th</sup>. [MHA-IL Proposal.pdf](#) [MHA-ILExec summary.pdf](#)

The faculty of the UCSF Division of the Academic Senate voted to recommend approval for the proposal for an M.S. Degree Program in Healthcare Administration and Interprofessional Leadership. In an electronic vote, 299 of the 2544 faculty of the Senate approved the proposal with 92.98% in favor, 5.35% against, and 1.67% abstained.

## **Going Forward**

Ongoing issues under review or actions that the Committee will continue into 2012-2013:

In the coming year the Council will likely consider a new hybrid degree proposal for Drug Safety (pharmacy) and a self-supporting Clinical and Translational Informatics degree program.

## Appendices

[Appendix 1](#): MS Healthcare Administration and Interprofessional Leadership

[Appendix 2](#): Review of Proposed Changes to the Nursing DNS to PhD

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