

Graduate Council
Jason Rock, PhD, Chair

March 10, 2016
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
BH-211

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jason Rock (Chair), Vincanne Adams (Vice Chair), Adam Cunha, Barbara Koenig, Mary Lynch, Dengke Ma, Dyche Mullins, Bethany Phoenix, Susanna Rosi, Elizabeth Watkins, Duan Xu, John Ziegler

ABSENT: Zev Gartner, Sunita Ho,

GUESTS: J. Douglas Carlson, Ken Hallenbeck

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Chairs Report

Chair Jason Rock provided an update from the Coordinating Committee for Graduate Affairs (CCGA).

CCGA is in the process of reviewing and approving proposed graduate degree programs. There are three proposals continued from 2014-2015. There are nine new graduate degree program proposals for review. At present, UCSF does not have a graduate degree program under review with CCGA.

University of California Retirement Plan

Under the 2015/2016 budget agreement between the University, the Governor, and the Legislature, the state will provide \$436 million for the University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP) over the next three years. In return, UC must implement a new pension tier within UCRP for employees hired on or after July 1, 2016. On January 15, 2016, the University released a [Retirement Options Task Force \(ROTF\) Report to the President](#). On February 12, 2016, UC Academic Senate Chair Dan Hare submitted [a letter to UC President Janet Napolitano addressing the report and recommendations of the ROTF](#). The [UC Board of Regents approved](#) a new retirement program for future UC employees proposed by President Napolitano.

Enrollment Planning

Also discussed at CCGA was enrollment planning. UC Academic Planning Council Chair asked the Associate Vice President about the requirement to admit additional undergraduates. Office of the President was trying to negotiate for enrollment of 600 graduate students to accompany the requisite undergraduates.

Self-Supporting Graduate Degree Program (SSGDP)

CCGA discussed resident enrollment and nonresident enrollment requirements. CCGA is expecting an increase in the number of SSGDP proposals. Graduate Council members asked what it means when campuses rely too heavily on SSGDPs due to financial concerns.

Graduate Deans Report

Graduate Dean Elizabeth Watkins provided a report to Graduate Council.

Grad Slam

Graduate Dean Watkins invited Graduate Council members to attend the 2016 UCSF Grad Slam, which is the signature event for the Graduate Division. The event is designed to showcase talent and raise visibility of the Graduate Division and the encourage students to communicate to nonscientists. Graduate Council Vincanne Adams was a preliminary judge.

President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

The UCAAD committee reports that the [President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program](#) provides one to two years' funding for underrepresented minorities (URM) post docs that can be directed at any post-doctoral trainee in the UC system, which now includes the health sciences. Also, once a recipient becomes an UC President's Postdoctoral Fellow/Scholar, he or she is always considered a scholar, even if the recipient works at another University. If a Scholar does indeed return to UC, there are various salary and start up package benefits included. The first five years of salary is covered, and now other start-up components are also covered.

Associated Students of the Graduate Division Report

Ken Hallenbeck provided a report from the Associated Students of the Graduate Division.

Mental Health Pilot

A potential pilot program on mental health may be implemented for second year students in the School of Medicine. The program would be seminar in which students share their experience with mental health issues. Graduate Dean Watkins proposed including professional support staff to ensure that there are experts available.

Old Business

Doctor of Nursing Degree Program– New Graduate Degree Program Proposal

The proposal for a Self-Supporting Professional Graduate Degree Program in Nursing Leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice at UCSF was submitted to Graduate Council on January 11, 2016 and approved with contingencies by the Graduate Council on February 11, 2016. A revised proposal was submitted for review by the council members on March 4, 2016 and the contingencies were adequately met to move the proposal forward to the Coordinating Committee for consideration.

Medical Anthropology PhD Program – Academic Review

On February 11, 2016, Graduate Council reviewed the External Reviewers' Report for the Academic Program Review of the Medical Anthropology PhD Program, which was conducted October 23, 2015. Graduate Council member and Professor and Vice Chair of Department of Anthropology, History and Social Medicine Vincanne Adams reported that two candidates for faculty appointments who have said yes are underrepresented minorities.

PhD Program in Nursing – Academic Review

Graduate Council members discussed the External Reviewers' Report of the PhD Program in Nursing, which was conducted May 12-13, 2015. Graduate Council submitted its response to the External Review on August 5, 2015 and received a reply from the PhD Program in Nursing on February 26, 2016.

Graduate Council Chair Jason Rock declared the reply adequate. Graduate Council Vice Chair Vincanne Adams asked about the number of students in the cohort and the financial support offered to students. A member of the Graduate Council noted the applicant pool has decreased in recent years citing lack of financial support as a partial cause. Other causes for the drop in the applicant pool include housing and cost of living in the San Francisco Bay Area. Graduate Council Mary Lynch posited that it would be premature to assume the applicant pool will remained at currently low levels. Graduate Council agreed to not respond but to solicit feedback from Graduate Dean Elizabeth Watkins at its April 14, 2016 meeting.

New Business

None

Chair Rock adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.