

Graduate Council
Jason Rock, PhD, Chair

October 15, 2015
2:00 – 3:30p.m.
CL-201

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Zev Gartner, Sunita Ho, Barbara Koenig, Dengke Ma, Bethany Phoenix

GUESTS: J. Douglas Carlson, Michele De Coteau, Michael Le

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. A quorum was not present.

Minutes

The minutes for July 16, 2015 were not approved due to lack of quorum.

Chair's Report – Jason Rock, PhD

Chair Rock provided a report from the UCSF Academic Senate Leadership Retreat which occurred on September 12, 2015.

Faculty Engagement

Faculty engagement was a major theme at the Leadership Retreat. Attendance at the bi-annual Division meeting is low.

Space

Senate leaders discussed the need for meaningful faculty engagement in space planning at UCSF.

UC Equity and Investments

Senate leaders discussed the interface with entrepreneurial activities. Committee on Research expressed concern about the balance between UCSF's triple mission and the prioritization of research with potential for commercial value.

Disclosure of Sponsorship

Last spring, the Manhattan Institute sponsored an event at UCSF that generated concern from members of the faculty. Senate leaders discussed the need to ensure policy and practices address disclosure of sponsorship.

Cost of Living

Senate leaders discussed the cost of living in the Bay Area. The cost of living presents a threat to UCSF's competitiveness with respect to the recruitment of faculty, staff, and students.

Chair Rock reported that Chancellor Hawgood presented at the UCSF Academic Senate Leadership Retreat. Chancellor Hawgood discussed governance changes to UC Health and the UC Berkeley Global Campus.

Vice Chair's Report – Vincanne Adams, PhD

None

Dean's Report – Dean Watkins, PhD

Dean Watkins articulated her vision for Graduate Council. Graduate Council has faculty oversight authority over graduate programs. Graduate Council delegates authority to the Graduate Division. Dean Watkins emphasized the need for all faculty members of the Graduate Division to participate in the review of graduate programs.

Dean Watkins addressed the proposed Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence. Dean Watkins announced that the Graduate Division has hired a new Director of Student Conduct, Sara Mueller (sara.mueller@ucsf.edu).

Dean Watkins reported that the Social and Population Sciences and Graduate Consortium is prepared to launch. The consortium was convened to link rigorous and integrative social and population health sciences for real world impact.

Dean Watkins addressed the issue of NIH salary cap for postdoc researchers. Base salary and stipend levels for postdocs at UCSF are based on the current NIH/NRSA scale. Postdoc compensation that exceeds the NIH/NRSA scale must be supported by nonfederal sources.

Dean Watkins confirmed that UCSF is preparing to make an announcement regarding housing.

Dean Watkins announced that the UCSF Three Minute Thesis is being re-branded as the Grad Slam to align with the systemwide program. Finals for this year's Grad Slam are March 10, 2016.

Old Business

The University of California's Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment

Graduate Council reviewed and discussed the revised final draft of the University of California's Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment. The Graduate Council made the following comments concerning definitions.

To ensure that employees at the University of California San Francisco understand reporting requirements, Graduate Council recommends a description of the circumstances under which an employee with a professional license requiring confidentiality would not constitute a confidential resource for the purposes of this policy.

To ensure that the University of California creates and maintains a community free of sexual violence and sexual harassment for every individual, including graduate students, Graduate Council recommend that the definition of responsible employee include any University employee who is not a confidential resource and who receives information about possible sexual violence and sexual harassment involving any student

New Business

Graduate Council assigned reviewers for Program Reviews.

- Clinical Research – Susanna Rosi
- PhD Medical Anthropology – Zev Gartner
- Dental Hygiene – Mary Lynch

Chair Rock adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.