

Graduate Council

Jason Rock, PhD, Chair

ANNUAL REPORT

2015-2016

Primary Focus Points for the Year:

- Self-Supporting Professional Graduate Degree Program in Nursing leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice
- The University of California's Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment
- UCSF Policy on Comprehensive Benefits for Postdoctoral Scholars

Task Forces, Special Committees, and Sub-Committees:

- Medical Anthropology PhD Program – Zev Gartner (Lead)
- Master of Science Degree Program in Dental Hygiene – Mary Lynch (Lead)
- Master's Degree Program in Clinical Research - Susanna Rosi (Lead)

Issues for Next Year (2016-2017)

- Organized Research Unit Review Process
- External Reviews

2015-2016 Members

Jason Rock, Chair and CCGA
Representative
Vincanne Adams, Vice Chair
J. Adam Cunha
Zev Gartner
Sunita Ho
Barbara Koenig
Mary Lynch
Dengke Ma
Dyche Mullins
Bethany Phoenix
Susanna Rosi
Duan Xu

John Ziegler

Ex-Officio Members

Elizabeth Watkins, Dean, Graduate Division
Christine Des Jarlais, Assistant Dean, Postdoctoral Affairs
Michael Le, 14-15 Graduate Student Association
Representative
Ken Hallenback, 15-16 Graduate Student Association
Representative

Guests

Douglas Carlson, Registrar
Michele De Coteau, Assistant Dean, Graduate Programs
Elizabeth Silva, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs

Number of Meetings: 8

Academic Senate Analyst: Kenneth Laslavic

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

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
- On January 1, 2016, the University of California issued the [Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Policy](#).
- **Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs Policy** – On July 12, 2016, University of California issued the [revised policy on Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs](#).
- **UCSF Policy on Comprehensive Benefits for Postdoctoral Scholars** – UCSF enacted a new contract with the postdoctoral scholar union. As a result, the Graduate Council-approved UCSF Policy on Comprehensive Benefits for Postdoctoral Scholars was revised. Graduate Council reviewed, discussed, and approved revisions to UCSF Guidelines for Comprehensive Health Benefits for Postdoctoral Scholars in Accordance with the UC-UAW Collective Bargaining Agreement. On January 25, 2016, Chair of Graduate Council signed the new policy.

Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA)

Committee Chair, Jason Rock, attended Systemwide meetings on behalf of UCSF. Among items discussed were:

- Revised Policy on Self-supporting graduate degree programs (SSGPDP)
- Draft Presidential Policy on International Activities
- UC Mexus Draft Report

Divisional Business

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

Grad Slam. Building on the success of the 2015-2016 Three-Minute Thesis competition, the Graduate Division held the Grad Slam competition at UCSF in which graduate students were asked to present their research in less than three minutes. Graduate Council convened immediately prior to the event and members of Graduate Council were invited to attend the event.

UCSF Capital Campaign Planning. Elizabeth Watkins, Dean of the Graduate Division presented to the Graduate Division materials from the UCSF campaign planning. The Graduate Division provided input that Dean Watkins conveyed to the administration. Examples of comments include:

- The theme “Next Generation of Leader” should be reworded to recognize academics.
- The theme “Precision Medicine” does not have a clear meaning to everyone.

Annual Graduate Division Merit Fellowship Nominations. Graduate Council reviewed and rated nominations. Each member reviewed 27 nominations on average. Almost \$600,000 in merit fellowship funding will be awarded to students in the 2016-17 academic year. Wendy Winkler, Chief of Staff of the Graduate Division provided a training to the members of Graduate Council.

Campus Five-Year Planning Perspectives. The Five-Year Planning Perspectives is comprised of information on proposals to establish new programs, schools and colleges; transfer; consolidate; discontinue; or disestablish existing programs.

- Schools:
 - School of Global Health Sciences was suggested for the list
- Graduate Academic and Graduate Professional Programs:
 - Masters in Medical Sciences – Graduate Division – was suggested for the list.
 - Doctor of Nursing Practice – School of Nursing – was under campus review at the time of submission of the Five-Year Planning Perspectives. The Doctor of Nursing Practices is now under CCGA review.
- Disposition of items from previous list that are no longer pending:
 - Drug Development and Regulatory Science – School of Pharmacy – added to Masters in Translational Medicine
 - QSP and Pharmacometrics – School of Pharmacy – withdrawn
 - Drug Discovery – School of Pharmacy – withdrawn
 - MS, Health Policy and Law – School of Medicine – approved by CCGA for establishment
 - PhD, Global Health – School of Medicine – approved by CCGA for establishment
 - PhD, Rehabilitation Science – School of Medicine – approved by CCGA for establishment

- DPTSc, Physical Therapy – School of Medicine – approved by CCGA for discontinuance

NEW PROGRAM PROPOSALS:

Self-Supporting Professional Graduate Degree Program in Nursing leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice. Graduate Council approved the proposal. The UCSF Academic Senate approved the proposal. The UCSF Office of the Chancellor submitted the proposal to CCGA. CCGA will review the proposal during the 2016-2017 academic year.

EXTERNAL REVIEWS:

- **Medical Anthropology PhD Program.** A letter of approval was submitted to Ian Whitmarsh, PhD on February 16, 2016.
- **Master of Science Degree Program in Dental Hygiene.** A letter of approval was submitted to Elena Ortega, RDH, MS on July 26, 2016.
- **Master's Degree Program in Clinical Research.** A letter of approval was submitted to Jeff Martin, MD, MPH on July 26, 2016.

Going Forward

Ongoing issues under review or actions that the Committee will continue into 2015-2016:

- New Graduate Degree Program Proposal Review Process
 - Self-Supporting Professional Graduate Degree Program in Nursing leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Graduate Degree Program Review Process
 - PhD Biophysics (Fall 2016)
 - Masters of Translational Medicine (Spring 2017)
 - Masters of Science in Biomedical Imaging (Spring 2017)

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