Graduate Council

Jason Rock, PhD, Chair (through March 9, 2017)
J. Adam Cunha, PhD, Chair (beginning March 9, 2017)

ANNUAL REPORT
2016-2017

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
- External Reviews

Task Forces, Special Committees, and Sub-Committees:

- Masters of Science in Biomedical Imaging External Review- Barbara Koenig (Lead)
- Subcommittee on Faculty-Trainee Relationships – Minnie Sarwal, Dyche Mullins, and Adam Cunha

Issues for Next Year (2017-2018)

- School of Medicine MD program and the Advanced Training in Clinical Research MAS
- External Reviews

2016-2017 Members

Jason Rock, Chair and CCGA Representative (through March 8, 2017)
J. Adam Cunha, Vice Chair (through March 8, 2017) Chair (beginning March 8, 2017)
Vincanne Adams
Trevor Burt
Zev Gartner
Sarah Knox
Barbara Koenig
Dengke Ma

Roland “Dyche” Mullins
Bethany Phoenix
Susanna Rosi
Duan Xu

Ex-Officio Members
Elizabeth Watkins, Dean, Graduate Division
Elizabeth Silva, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs
Christine Des Jarlais, Assistant Dean, Postdoctoral Affairs

Permanent Guests
Douglas Carlson, Registrar

Number of Meetings: 6

Academic Senate Analyst: Kenneth Laslavic
Systemwide Business

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

**Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs Policy (SSGPDPs)**

Effective July 12, 2016, this new policy codified existing practice. The new policy recognized that self-supporting graduate professional degree programs allow the University to serve a greater number of students than state resources would support. New SSGPDPs at UCSF will have to be reviewed by the campus at the three-year mark. After the initial three-year review, the program goes on a normal review cycle.

**New Degree Program Proposal – DNP**

On January 4, 2017, CCGA discussed UCSF’s proposal to establish a new Professional Graduate Degree Program in Nursing Leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice. CCGA determined that the proposal might be put forward for an email vote subsequent to the CCGA meeting. The proposal was subsequently approved. On February 8, 2017, the Assembly of the Academic Senate accepted CCGA’s recommendation to allow UCSF to establish a new DNP degree program. On February 21, 2017, UC Provost Dorr forwarded a copy of the Presidential approval letter for the DNP degree program at UCSF to Chancellor Hawgood.

**School of Medicine MD program and the Advanced Training in Clinical Research MAS**

Douglas Carlson raised the issue that students are enrolled concurrently in two separate programs: the School of Medicine MD program and the Advanced Training in Clinical Research (TICR) MAS. This arises if students take a year off to enroll in the TICR program, as an example, and then return to complete the other program. The expectation for concurrent enrollment is that students must file two separate study lists. When students fail to file separate study lists, and especially in cases when the programs have different grading systems (e.g., one grading system is Pass/Not Pass while the other issues letter grades), it can create discrepancies on transcripts. Graduate Council will explore this issue during the 2017-2018 year.

Divisional Business

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

**Annual Graduate Division Merit Fellowship Nominations**

Graduate Council reviewed and rated nominations. Wendy Winkler, Chief of Staff of the Graduate Division provided training to the members of Graduate Council.

**Open Access 2020**

Rich Schneider, Chair of the Academic Senate Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication, presented on the global Open Access (OA) 2020, which is an initiative led by the Max Planck Institute.
OA2020 aims to move all university publishing agreements to an open access platform by 2020. Graduate Council wrote a letter in support of UCSF signing onto Open Access 2020.

**Faculty-Trainee Relationships**

Students at both the campus and systemwide levels have expressed some concern with respect to faculty-trainee relationships. Graduate Council established a Subcommittee on Faculty-Trainee Relationships. Graduate Council members Minnie Sarwal, Dyche Mullins, and Adam Cunha were appointed to serve on the subcommittee. Graduate Council will explore this issue during the 2017-2018 year.

**EXTERNAL REVIEWS:**

- **MAS Clinical Research.** Graduate Council closed out the 2015-2016 external review of the Clinical Research MAS degree program after it received a formal letter from the Program Director Jeffrey Martin.

- **MS Dental Hygiene.** Graduate Council invited School of Dentistry Dean John Featherstone, SOD Clinical Instructor Elena Ortega, and SOD Professor Elsbeth Kalenderin to a meeting to discuss the 2015-2016 external review. Graduate Council closed out the 2015-2016 external review of the program.

- **MAS Biomedical Imaging.** A site visit occurred in May 2017. The external report was drafted and submitted to UCSF during the summer of 2017. Graduate Council will discuss the external report at its first meeting in September and respond to the program accordingly.

**Going Forward**

Ongoing issues under review or actions that the Committee will continue in 2017-2018:

- School of Medicine MD program and the Advanced Training in Clinical Research MAS
- Faculty-Trainee Relationships
- External Reviews

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