

## **GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**

**CHAired BY:** Chuck Wight                      **TIME:** 3:00 pm  
**DATE:** February 22, 2010                      **PLACE:** 303 Sutton

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tom Cova, Darrell Davis, Paolo Gondolo, Eric Hinderaker, Chris Lippard, Mary Lucero, Jay Mace, John Martinez, Patricia Murphy, Ed Ruddell, Patrick Tresco

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chuck Wight

**EXCUSED:** Ed Barbanell, Ann Marie Breznay, Mary Jane Taylor, Lora Tuesday-Heathfield, Fred Rhodewalt

### **FINAL AGENDA**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting were approved as written

**2. Proposal to establish The WOMAN and CHILD Institute**

Edward Clark, Matthew Peterson, Erika Lindley, and Jacquie Bernard were present for the proposal. The Institute will solidify and institutionalize a relationship between the groups involved in woman's and children's health. It will create a coherent, coordinated group which will become the #1 Women's Health Organization in the U.S. The Institute staff will develop best practices for long-term governance.

### **ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To approve the proposal to create The WOMAN and CHILD Institute

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** Inform Dr. Clark and Dr. Peterson of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the Institute proposal. The proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

### 3. **Presentation of the Proposal for the Nano Institute**

Darwin Cheney presented the proposal for approval of the Nano Institute. The Institute will provide an umbrella structure for support to many faculty in collaborating on grants and research.

#### **ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To move to approve the proposal with format changes to conform with the Regents 401 template

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** Inform Dr. Ghandehari of the Council's decision to approve this proposal with the appropriate format changes as required. The proposal will then be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

### 4. **Presentation of the Proposal for the creation of the Nano Technology Program**

Patrick Tresco made the proposal for this program that will unite faculty with similar interests, attract talented graduate students and faculty and will ultimately be associated with the Nano Institute. Curriculum will be reviewed annually and changed when necessary due to changing faculty. The curriculum will include a required ethics class, two full-semester electives, a first year seminar, three lab rotations, and a grant-writing course.

#### **ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To approve the motion with editing and formatting changes

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** Inform Dr. Ghandehari of the Graduate Council's decision to approve this proposal with changes. The proposal will then be

forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

**5. Presentation of the Graduate Council Review for Neuroscience**

John Martinez presented the report to the Council. Neuroscience is a solid program which has accomplished many of its goals since 1986 and promotes collaborative efforts amongst the departments. It is the only interdepartmental program to award a Ph.D.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To approve proposal with clarifications

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** The report will be sent to the Department Chair and the Dean of the School of Medicine to check for any factual errors. The report will be discussed at the wrap-up meeting (in attendance: Senior Vice President for Health Sciences, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the School of Medicine, Director of the Neuroscience Program, and the Dean and Associate Dean of the Graduate School as facilitators). Following the wrap-up meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared by the Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Both the report and the Memorandum of Understanding will be sent to the Senior Vice Presidents for Health Sciences and Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

**6. Presentation of the Graduate Council Review for Biology**

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To move to table

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** The proposal will be presented at the March Graduate Council Meeting.

**7. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm**