



## **Committee on Educational Policy**

### **Thomas Kearney, PharmD, Chair**

### **MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 30, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Thomas Kearney (Chair), Peter Loomer (Vice Chair), Abbey Alkon, Kurt Giles, Sophia Saeed, Vineeta Singh, Douglas Schmucker,

**ABSENT:** Sergio Baranzini, Sheila Brear, Harry Hollander, Judy Martin-Holland, Gail Persily, Elisabeth Wilson

The Committee on Educational Policy was called to order by Chair Kearney on September 30 at 3:32 p.m. in room S - 30. A quorum was present.

The minutes from May 13, 2009 were approved.

#### **Chair's Report**

Chair Kearney went over the charge to the committee by the UC Academic Senate. He also went over the organizational chart for the UCSF Academic Senate and how that fits into the larger systemwide program. Vice Chair Loomer is the UCEP rep and will be providing this committee with updates throughout the year.

Chair Kearney gave an update on the Leadership Retreat, and the Gould Commission (Commission on the Future). He discussed shared governance with this committee being the voice of UCSF faculty on educational policy.

#### **Discussion of Committee Goals for 2009-2010**

Chair Kearney would like to have the CEP review on an ongoing basis the reports from Gould Commission if they are available. Member Abby Alkon was nominated to be on the systemwide Gould Commission working group on Educational Policy. She doesn't know as of yet if she's been selected for it.

Two ongoing committee topics for this year are: interprofessional education and instructional technology. In particular, if the UC system overall is going to have a larger cyber-aspect, will it affect standards and does UCSF CEP agree with that overall direction? One of the WASC issues was students' interprofessional development.

#### **Interprofessional Education**

SOD is trying to create a joint program with SOP (exchange rather than an interprofessional program). SIM Center (at Mt. Zion) is nearly open entirely which will allow medical, dentistry, nursing, and pharmacy students to work side-by-side. Committee member Saeed is going to find out who could present to the committee on this. Chair Kearney wondered how people assess the learning done through SIM?

Also have someone from the Registrar's Office present on how students know these classes are available and how are they promoted. Chair Kearney spoke to clerkships that are interprofessional—how are they developed and promoted? Chair Kearney mentioned his clerkship at the poison center – one medical student and one pharmacology student. Can these be further developed at UCSF—who would know about this and to promote it further? There are several programs which are soliciting interprofessional students (i.e., bioengineering seeking physicians, etc.). How is that being promoted at an all-UCSF level?

#### Educational Technology

Within this, the committee would like to hear how courses are being revised. It is undetermined as of yet if using more technology and larger classes, will impact learning; is it better with smaller classes?

Classes that are online require more prep work for educators, members felt. Verifying there are no glitches and updating and going through multiple screens is more difficult for the educators as well. The intention is not to have cyber-teaching replace in-person teaching. In terms of the alternate view, in the pharmacy school, students like podcasting; however it has affected adversely attendance at the lectures.

How is small group learning enhanced through technology? Consensus was this was the result largely of the facilitator and team leader. How do you train such facilitators to consistently deliver quality? The goal in 2010-2011 is to have small groups led by students. Seek out experts to share this information.

#### Updates from the Schools

None at this time. The committee will solicit reports from representatives for the next meeting. Of a particular focus, where is the curriculum at present for each school and where are they going?

#### Update from the Library

Chair Kearney updated the committee on Library developments, as per a report provided by Gail Persily who was unable to attend the meeting.

She provided an update on the The Learning Center (TLC); bond money was released and development has resumed. It will be opened Winter 2011. During construction in 2010, the second floor of the Library will be shut down. The third and fifth floor are currently under construction.

The Committee will seek further updates from Gail Persily on podcasting and Moodle. Members found Moodle much easier than Web CT.

#### Old Business

Chair Kearney requested members, existing and new, review the Annual Report to come up to speed on the Committee's charge and type of matters reviewed. Chair Kearney also requested that upon review, further thoughts on areas of interest and suggestions on who should present on it would be welcome.

#### New Business

Peter Loomer discussed the Task Force through the Office of the President on Long Distance Learning that he sits on. Looks at courses anyone at UC could take as well as residency issues (if they are long-distance students, at what point are they considered California citizens). The Task Force is aiming to recommend Long Distance Learning but there is hesitancy and resistance to it. Report is due end of November 2009. Down the road, Peter Loomer will be presenting on this.

Chair Kearney adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

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