MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2001 DIVISION MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Lawrence H. Pitts, MD
Chair

Lawrence H. Pitts, MD, Chair called the meeting of the San Francisco Division of the Academic Senate to order on June 12, 2001 at 3:45 p.m. in Room HSW300 on the Parnassus Heights Campus. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Minutes of Divisional meetings on November 14, 2000 and March 16, 2001 were approved.

Consent Calendar

Approval was given for both the 2000-01 and 2001-02 Committee On Committees appointments of Officers, Divisional Committee Members, Representatives to Statewide Senate Committees and Delegations to the Assembly of the Academic Senate.

Announcements from the Chair:

- Chair Pitts informed the Senate that the recommendations of the Task Force on the Future of Clinician Scientists at UCSF would be further discussed with School Deans. and that a Shared Governance Working Group would be formed to identify future actions on the findings of this report.

- Volunteers were requested for an Academic Senate Mentoring Task Force. It was noted that the purpose of this task force is not to reinvent the mentoring system for the entire UCSF campus. Rather, the Task Force will identify how to offer Mentoring to UCSF faculty in the most productive manner.

Incoming Senate Division Chair, Daniel Bikle, presented a certificate of appreciation, along with a gift from the Senate to Chair Pitts in recognition of his efforts and accomplishments while in office. The reorganization of the Senate office, as well as moving the Senate into the forefront of major issues facing the campus were highlighted as among the important accomplishments of the outgoing Chair.

Dr. Bikle announced that Maria Pallavicini, out-going Senate Secretary was also to be honored, but was unable to attend the June, 2001 meeting due to her attendance at an NIH study session. Dr. Bikle announced that Dr. Pallavicini, had also shown extraordinary commitment and played a vital role in the Senate Office re-organization and that the Senate Division would honor her at its first meeting in Fall, 2001.
Clinician Scientist Task Force

- Dan Bikle, Chair of the Task Force, provided an update to the Division on the Task Force findings and recommendations. Senate discussion has focused on issues relating to how more than 50% of UCSF faculty are not eligible for membership to the Academic Senate. Hiring trends indicate that the composition of the faculty will likely remain at least 50% Clinical/Adjunct, if not greater.

- Several Senate members commented that the “disenfranchised” Clinical/Adjunct faculty members are valuable members of the UCSF community and productive contributors to the work of committees and task forces. Some Senate members inquired as to how the UCSF Division could allow current Clinical/Adjunct faculty to participate more in Committee work. It was noted that there are a few precedents at other UC campuses for allowing non-Senate faculty to participate in ad hoc subcommittees reporting to Standing Senate Committees. Rules & Jurisdiction Chair Jean Olson noted that non-Senate members do not have voting privileges within Senate committees, although there are circumstances under which both Senate and non-Senate committee members can participate in Senate Committees.

- The Parliamentarian, John Greenspan, confirmed that the San Francisco Division of the Senate does not have the authority to autonomously broaden the criteria for membership within its own Division.

- Chair Pitts posed the question as to whether the issue of expanding Senate membership criteria should be pursued (e.g., presented to the Statewide Senate). A straw poll indicated approval for pursuing this issue. Chair Pitts will work to develop a questionnaire and conduct a formal vote for approving this course of action.

Rules and Jurisdiction Committee – Jean Olson, Chair

- Jean Olson, Chair of the R & J Committee, described the method by which Committee members are reviewing and updating the bylaws.

- Revisions to the bylaws will be submitted to Senate members 30 days prior to holding a discussion a future Division meeting. Explanations as well as pro and con statements will accompany substantive changes.

- If a quorum is present at the Division meeting at which the Bylaw changes are presented, voting on the bylaw revisions will take place, with a two-thirds affirmative vote required for approval. If a quorum is not present, an electronic ballot will be used. All approved changes will go into effect after September 1, 2002.

Graduate Council – Nancy Stotts, Vice Chair

- Nancy Stotts, Graduate Council Vice Chair, presented for discussion purposes only proposed policy modifications for the appointment and mentoring of postdoctoral scholars.

- Some Senate members expressed concern about the negative impact of the proposed changes on existing grant projects, which were not originally designed to incorporate additional costs related to the proposed changes. Discussions did not resolve whether proposed changes would help or hurt international postdoctoral scholars.

- Senate members were invited to send further written comments to the Graduate Council for further consideration.
Committee on Academic Planning and Budget – Stand Glantz, Chair

- Stan Glantz, AP&B Chair, reported to the Senate Division that AP&B has been working on a restructuring over the past several months that would in essence create two new subcommittees, a long-range planning subcommittee and a short-term budget committee. AP&B has been meeting with the Deans and Vice Chancellors to get their input and suggestions on this proposal and hoped to obtain an endorsement of the proposal from the Executive Budget Committee before submitting it to the Chancellor. Prior to the EBC meeting, however, the Deans sent a joint letter to the Chancellor expressing their position. Although they support Senate involvement in long-range planning, they are opposed to Senate review of their budget proposals. The Senate is working on a response to the Deans’ letter and the issue will come before the EBC again on June 19, 2001.

- AP&B had planned that the two proposed subcommittees begin operating next year. Given the Deans’ concerns, however, it is not currently clear if AP&B will be working on budget reviews.

New Business

- Chair Pitts alerted Senate members that proposed discussion of a UCSF Conflict of Interest Policy has been tabled for future discussion. One of the issues at hand is whether investigators [conducting clinical trials could also participate in the design of future trials which would award compensation from trial sponsors when a clinical trial is in progress. Also at issue is whether rules should be tightened as to when an investigator can participate in a trial if that investigator has any assets whose value might be directly influenced by the outcome of the trial.

- Chair Pitts reports that he will soon forward any new proposed changes to appropriate Senate Committees. In the meantime he is open to comments about the conflict of interest process.

Presentation of Distinction in Teaching Awards

- Mary Croughan-Minihane, PhD, Professor in the Department of Community and Family Medicine, received the UCSF Distinction in Teaching Award for 2001 and was presented with a plaque and honorarium from Chair Pitts, honoring her selection for this distinguished award.

- Nancy Fischbein, MD, Professor in the Department of Radiology, was selected as an “Honorable Mention” recipient of the Distinction in Teaching Award and was presented with a certificate by Dr. Pitts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Pallavicini, PhD
Secretary