DENTISTRY FACULTY COUNCIL  
Deborah Greenspan, DSc, BDS, Chair

MINUTES  
Meeting of February 7, 2002


GUESTS: D. Perry, Assistant Dean of Curricular Affairs, Julian Ponce, Dean for Administration, L. Centore, Associate Clinical Professor, and J. Greenspan, Dean of Research Affairs.

The meeting of the Dentistry Faculty Council was called to order by Chair Greenspan on February 7, 2002 at 7:35 a.m. in Room S-30. A quorum was present.

Minutes

The minutes of the Full Faculty meeting of December 12, 2001 were approved.

The Minutes for the School of Dentistry Faculty Council Meeting of January 17, 2002 were not approved pending review by Dean Bertolami.

Chair’s Report

Vice-Chair D. Curtis, on behalf of Chair Greenspan, provided a brief overview of the matters discussed at the Academic Senate Coordinating Committee on February 6, 2002.

Chair Greenspan discussed the Senate Academic Planning and Budget (AP&B) Committee proposal to increase Senate participation in the campus budget review. The concern is that AP&B will make budget recommendations that the School of Dentistry does not agree with.

Dean’s Report

Julian Ponce, Dean for Administration, provided the following information on behalf of Dean Bertolami:

Due to efforts of former Speaker of the California State Assembly, Robert M. Hertzberg, $250,000 in Dental Teaching Fund (DTF) restoration funding that was taken away from UCSF and UCLA has
been restored. While the restoration of these funds is important, funding still remains at a level lower than it was in 1992. UCSF is making every effort to have the funding level for the DTF restored to 1992 levels with adjustments for inflation.

The one and five percent budget cuts that each campus had been asked to prepare for have been deferred.

The State will not provide the University with compensation for the inflationary adjustment of student fees. In the past, this funding was provided by the State to cover the inflation adjustment to student fees so those fees would not be increased.

Discussion Relative to Future of the Dentistry School Curriculum –D Perry, Assistant Dean, Curricular Affairs

D. Perry, Assistant Dean of Curricular Affairs, presented the “Goals of the Revised Curriculum,” revised by the Academy of Dental Educators on January 30, 2002, to the Faculty Council for review. The following goals were presented:

1. A curriculum that is not overcrowded and contains no more than 4 to 6 courses per quarter.
2. A curriculum where the students are provided with significant amounts of unstructured time so that they can learn on their own.
3. A curriculum that employs active learning methods and that has the ability to assess the effectiveness of whatever learning method it employs.
4. A curriculum that teaches our students not only the information and skills needed to be a competent clinician, but that also gives them the means with which to become life-long learners.
5. A curriculum where basic science and clinical applications are thoroughly integrated. Clinically relevant material should pervade all basic science instruction units, and the scientific method should pervade all clinical teaching. All faculty should understand the rationale for what they teach and why they teach it when they do (i.e. how it fits into the overall curriculum).
6. A curriculum that trains competent oral physicians, i.e. to understand the relationship between the oral/maxillofacial complex and the rest of the body.
7. A curriculum that defines the competencies that it expects from students and that has a system for assessing those competencies (outcomes assessment).
8. A means of continually managing the curriculum that uses both faculty and administrative resources and that applies academically sound global principles agreed on by the faculty.
9. Develop and implement incremental changes where possible to promote the revision process as it proceeds (proposed addition 1/31/02).

The last goal is the only new addition to this list. All other goals were originally adopted in by the Faculty in the Spring Quarter of 1999.

R. Derynck noted that the focus of the training traditionally has been geared towards clinicians and that the mission of the school should include clinical scientist and educators.

Chair Greenspan expressed her concern that the Faculty Council review the curriculum that was approved in 1999 to make the Council aware of changes that may have occurred since it was approved.
D. Perry discussed her intentions to invite administrators from other schools to meet with the Full Faculty and Faulty Council to discuss changes to the curriculum. Another option discussed was taking a group from UCSF to other campuses to meet with administrators and students.

D. Ramos suggested that campus resources be explored in addition to external sources. D. Perry will speak with faculty from the other schools at UCSF that have played a major role in curriculum reform.

D. Graham recommended that the students be kept in mind when changing the curriculum and that if the goal is to create teaching dentists, then the students should be made aware of this change. He further commented that he was aware of a number of students who seek medical attention during the period of final exams due to feeling overwhelmed by their exam schedule. He further noted that he believes the curriculum is too crowded and that often, students will have as many as 18 final exams occurring over a short period.

L. Centore pointed out that the use of tracks and specializations will help students to gravitate towards their strengths.

D. Perry acknowledged the importance of the Faculty Council’s input and announced that she will bring it to the attention of the Academy at their next meeting on February 20, 2002.

D. Curtis, Chair of the Education Policy Committee, addressed the need to consider the American Dental Association (ADA) requirements are for the minimum number of class hours required when considering curriculum review.

**A Motion was made by D. Graham** to request that the D. Perry, Assistant Dean of Curricular Affairs and Troy Daniels, Dean for Academic Affairs, devise a way to immediately reduce the number of final exams given to freshmen, sophomore, and junior dental students. **The Motion was seconded by N. Artiga-Diaz and approved unanimously.**

D. Curtis brought up the issue of adopting a Pass-No Pass system into the School of Dentistry. There was some concern that grade or GPA requirements by residency programs will be an issue for students. The program at UCLA has not had an issue with the Pass/Fail system and has used letters of recommendation from the faculty to aid the application process.

**A Motion was made by D. Curtis and seconded by N. Artiga-Diaz** that the matter of using a Pass/No Pass curriculum in the School of Dentistry be discussed and considered. Chair Greenspan recommended that the issue be discussed with D. Perry, Assistant Dean of Curricular Affairs and Troy Daniels, Dean for Academic Affairs. **The Motion was approved unanimously.**

D. Perry reported that in her efforts to promote faculty development she invited a guest speaker to meet with faculty and discuss new teaching strategies. The meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2002 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM in room N-225. Information will be distributed to participating faculty prior to the event so the group can be broken into discussion groups the day of the meeting.

**Committee Reports**

**Admissions**

A. Miller announced that the Committee has selected 37 of the 80 student applicants a number of whom have expressed an interest in the DDS/PhD program.
Academic Planning and Budget (APB)
Chair Greenspan suggested that a temporary Chair of APB be selected while the current chair is away. Chair Greenspan also informed the Council that the issue of the Academic Senate Academic Planning and Budget would be discussed at the next Executive Committee on February 7, 2002. The AP&B proposal will be distributed to the Faculty Council to offer background information.

Chair Greenspan described the School of Dentistry’s process for disseminating budget information as working with Dean C. Bertolami and J. Ponce and having APB address specific issues, bringing those issues to the attention of the Faculty Council and then responding to the Dean. There was general approval by the Faculty Council regarding the current process.

EPC
No Report

Department Representative Reports

Growth and Development
No Report

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
No Report

Preventative and Restorative Dental Sciences
No Report

Stomatology
No Report

Student Report
No Report

New Business

Chair Greenspan extended an invitation to Drs. Greenspan, Perry, and Centore to attend the next Faculty Council meeting to continue the discussion of curriculum reform and research.

There being no further business, a Motion was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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