The meeting of the School of Medicine Faculty Council was called to order by Chair Ferrell on April 9, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. in Room S118. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of February 12 and March 12, 2002 were approved unanimously and with no changes.

Announcement from the Chair

No announcement.

Domestic Partner Benefits

The Council discussed current inequalities between retirement benefits available to legal spouses of UC employees and those available to domestic partners (for background to discussion see The Case for Equal Benefits – attached).

Council members agreed to support full equality between benefits available to legal spouses and those available to domestic partners.

P. Robertson submitted a draft letter outlining the Council’s support of full equality to Council members for approval. The Council approved the draft letter with changes and Senate Analyst, Elizabeth Langdon-Gray agreed to forward this letter (attached) to the Regents of the University of California, the President of the University of California Richard C. Atkinson, Associate Vice-President Judith W. Boyette, and Senior Vice-President Joseph P. Mullinix on behalf of Chair Ferrell.

Report of Committee on Curriculum and Educational Policy

The Council unanimously approved the Proposed School of Medicine Readmission Policy and Proposed New Clinical Practice Exam Requirements.
**Dean’s Report**

Dean Debas informed the Council that the Centers for Women’s Health and for Research in Women’s Health had both opened.

He further informed the Council that the UCSF Medical Center will end the fiscal year with a $10 M surplus and that the School of Medicine has been ranked third in the country based on NIH ratings. The departments of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Medicine have both ranked first in the country.

Dean Debas went on to announce that:

- The Cancer Center will receive $4.2 M in direct operating costs from NIH each year.
- The Department of Ophthalmology is continuing its search for a department chair and is currently conducting interviews.
- External reviews of departments will continue over the next few months and the Departments of Pediatrics and Neurology will both be reviewed in the near future.
- The development of the Program in Clinical Services was discussed at the School of Medicine Leadership Retreat which took place on Jan 18-19, 2002. The Program in Clinical Services (PICS) will form an “umbrella” over clinical sciences across departments and will have three areas of focus: departmental cooperation, the development of clinician scientists, and clinical research. The School of Medicine will define the details of the program and will work to identify implementation mechanisms over the next 3 – 6 months.

**Review of Academic Senate Proposed Plan for Budget and Planning Involvement (Attached)**

Chair Ferrell gave a brief overview of the background to the proposed plan (attached), which was last discussed at the meeting of August, 2001 and summarized the current working document. She emphasized that the current proposed plan would allow for review of School budgets but that there would be no review of dollar amounts. She further emphasized that efficient timing and strong leadership will be paramount to the success of the proposed plan if approved.

The Council discussed at length the proposed plan and noted that the budget review process should include the Vice-Dean for Administration and Finances of the School of Medicine. The Council also noted that the review process may initially only allow for limited influence of School budgets and would primarily serve as an informational overview mechanism.

The Council unanimously voted to approve the proposed plan. Budget and Planning involvement will begin in September, 2002 and a schedule for budget review will be finalized over the summer months.

**New Business**

The Council noted that UCSF lacks adequate resources for faculty and staff who may be subject to domestic violence. P. Robertson suggested that this issue be discussed at a future meeting of the Council and agreed to invite Irene Agnos, Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Government Relations to the June meeting of the Council to give an overview on this topic.

**Old Business**

None.
The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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