MINUTES
Meeting of December 10, 2001

PRESENT: D. Teitel (Chair), P. Sneed, K. Topp, R. Turner, M. Winter, P. Benner

ABSENT: R. Stern

The meeting of the Educational Policy Committee was called to order by Chair Teitel on December 10, 2001 at 9:10 am in room S30. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2001 were approved unanimously.

Announcements from the Chair

No announcements.

Systemwide Report – P. Benner

P. Benner presented the Committee with a brief overview of recent systemwide activities.

She informed the Committee that the Systemwide Educational Policy Committee will continue ongoing discussion of the availability of joint doctoral degree programs and that the initiation of such programs may supplant a clinical research degree.

P. Benner informed the Committee also that following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, there has not been a significant increase in requests for information regarding students from non-UC entities, as had been expected.

Symposium of Leaders

The Committee recognized at its meeting of November 19, 2001 that increased interaction between schools in the development of combined courses would enhance the learning experience at UCSF and might contribute to a more efficient use of academic resources. The Committee believes that it will be able to facilitate discussions relating to the possibility of providing combined courses across the four schools and other mechanisms for coordination by organizing a half-day Symposium of Leaders.
The *Symposium of Leaders* will take place in May of 2002. The Committee will invite educational leaders of each of the four schools to come together to discuss ways in which schools might interact to increase and develop opportunities for combined courses. Discussions will focus on four areas of concern and potential development: integration of educational courses, allocation and efficient sharing of resources, the need to maintain high quality clinical teaching and coordinate efforts in this area across schools, and the role of distance learning in cross-school teaching. The Committee believes that the Symposium will afford educational leaders the opportunity to discuss current obstacles to cross-school integration and to identify solutions and goals for the future.

The Committee finalized a provisional list of educational leaders from each of the four schools to be invited to the Symposium. Chair Teitel will forward an invitation and questionnaire to these leaders, requesting their suggestions regarding the focus of the Symposium, names of further invitees, and availability to attend the Symposium. Responses to this questionnaire will determine the focus of the next meeting and future planning of the Symposium.

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.*

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