COMMITTEE ON FACULTY WELFARE
Norman Oppenheimer, PhD, Chair

MINUTES
Meeting of March 5, 2002

PRESENT:  N. Oppenheimer (Chair), J. Barbaccia, S. Norberg, B. Newcomer, R. Binder, G. Gregory

ABSENT:  D. Perry, J. Howley, P. Robertson, S. Eisendrath

The meeting of the Committee on Faculty Welfare was called to order by Chair Oppenheimer on March 5, 2002 at 12:10 pm in Room S226. A quorum was present.

Chair’s Report

No report.

Systemwide Report – Renee Binder, MD, Chair, University Committee on Faculty Welfare

The systemwide report was delivered by George Gregory, MD.

G. Gregory informed the Committee that it is increasingly difficult to provide adequate low cost health care insurance to the faculty and staff of the University of California. Few insurance providers are willing to contract with the UC system because of its size – minor errors in estimation of health care use by UC subscribers could have a major financial impact on insurance providers and the risk is often deemed excessive.

UC is currently accepting bids for insurance provision for the entire UC system and these bids are under review by the systemwide Faculty Welfare Committee. Further updates on contract negotiation will be available in the near future.

G. Gregory informed the Committee that the issue of parking remains contentious at the systemwide level. Members of the systemwide Faculty Welfare Committee have expressed concern that campuses frequently use revenue generated by parking charges for non-transportation related activities. The systemwide committee will continue to discuss this issue at future meetings.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2002 unanimously and with no changes.
Revision of Bylaws

The Committee reviewed revised committee bylaws as conveyed by the Academic Senate Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction and will recommend the following changes:

- Removal of the phrase “intra-group relationships”.
- Editing of Section B, Paragraph 2, to read:
  2. To consider matters, initiated with or referred to it, which concern the Division as regards housing, parking, health, child care, retirement benefits, and the general welfare of the faculty, professional research staff, and students of the San Francisco Campus.

Old Business

Parking and Transportation Review

Following a presentation by John Gledhill of UCSF Parking and Transportation Services at the meeting of January 8, 2002, the Committee continued discussion of the Parking and Transportation Study Review (see minutes of 01-08-02 at http://www.ucsf.edu/senate/0-committee/h-fwel.html).

The Committee agreed to send a communication to Jon Gledhill, Director of UCSF Parking and Transportation conveying concerns and recommendations arising from the review. The Committee will recommend that increased parking be provided for visiting faculty at the University – specifically voluntary faculty who visit the campus to teach an individual class. The committee will also express the desire that Parking and Transportation Services work to include more in-depth consideration of community relations in the report and to fully outline the impact of parking and transportation on the community.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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