COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Daniel Bikle, M.D., Ph.D., Chair

MINUTES
Meeting of April 10, 2002


GUESTS: Troy Daniels (for C. Bertolami), Robert Day (for M. Koda-Kimble), C.C. Wang (for W. Sadee)

The Minutes of the meeting of February 6, 2001 were unanimously approved.

Announcements from the Chair

- The Committee on Academic Planning and Budget, the Executive Committee, and the chairs of the faculty councils finalized a campus budget review process. Chair Bikle has asked for input from the deans, after which he will forward the proposal to the chancellor.
- Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) and the Academic Council have approved graduate student salary scales.
- The Master’s degree in Clinical Research in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics has been approved.
- The UC Retirement System Advisory Board has an opening for one of two faculty positions. This board advises the UC President on retirement issues. Interested candidates should contact Chair Bikle.
- UC Regent Ward Connerly has recently proposed the Racial Privacy Initiative to the California legislature, which prohibits the state from classifying individuals by race, ethnicity, color or national origin in the operation of public education, public contracting or public employment. Regent Connerly’s memo to the Academic Council stated that only institutions are prohibited from identifying individuals, although individual faculty may do so. He also indicated that medical research is excluded from the initiative. Chair Bikle will forward the Initiative and Regent Connerly’s message to the Coordinating Committee for feedback.
Reports from Task Forces and Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc Committee on Review of Medical Center Strategic Plan

- S. Janson and L. Zegans reported that growth of space and revenues are the goals of the Medical Center Strategic Plan. The strategic plan proposes to increase high-revenue services in order to accumulate resources to build new hospitals. The strategic plan does not address the impact on academic or research programs or indicate a mechanism to provide the Medical Center feedback on such impacts. The Committee proposed a task force to collaborate with Medical Center administrators to examine the academic impacts of the strategic plan.

Conflict of Interest Task Force

- Elizabeth Langdon-Gray, Senate Analyst for the Task Force, reported that various institutional polices have been examined on conflict of interest issues. The Task Force is examining policies with a focus on clinical research and investigators’ relationships with private industry. A report will be presented to propose any changes to the current UCSF policy.

Task Force on Academic Senate Membership

- J. Olson reported that the task force is examining whether faculty in the clinical and adjunct series should be accorded Academic Senate membership. The Task Force will also examine current bylaws for guidance on such policies.

Reports from Standing Committees

Academic Freedom – No Report

Academic Personnel – No Report

Academic Planning and Budgeting – No Report

Clinical Affairs – Susan Janson

The Committee bylaws proposed inclusion of one Ladder Rank Academic Senate member in research and one clinical faculty member from each school and ad hoc members composed of teaching faculty from San Francisco General Hospital, Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Mt. Zion Medical Center.

At the last meeting Ken Jones, Chief Financial Officer of the Medical Center, presented the current Medical Center budget, which is now profitable due to a high volume of patients.

S. Janson noted that the Brown and Toland Medical Group prohibits the use of nurse practitioners as primary care providers, which reduces the number of clinicians available to care for faculty and staff. The School of Nursing Faculty Council has discussed increasing the number of nurse practitioners in primary care settings to relieve some of the problem. The Committee is discussing options to recruit nurse practitioners as faculty members.

Committee on Committees – John Kane

The call for nominations for COC vacancies has been released to the faculty. Chair Bikle asked committee chairs to identify potential nominees and encourage participation.
Courses of Instruction – Noreen Facione
The Committee received 35 Instruction Improvement Grant applications, with an increase in the quality of applications. As a result of a reduction in funding for next year, the Committee will notify each school’s curriculum committees of the reduction and suggest the committees examine whether the grant applications are consistent with the committee’s curriculum goals before submitting the grants.

Educational Policy – David Teitel
The Committee’s up-coming Symposium, scheduled for May 21, 2002, will address cross-school and collaborative teaching issues. The Symposium will focus on three areas: integration of courses across schools, methods of allocation of resources, and distance learning.

Equal Opportunity – No Report

Faculty Welfare – Norman Oppenheimer
John Gledhill, the Director of Parking and Transportation Services, presented to the Committee the Transportation Study Review, which examined UCSF’s parking and transportation programs. The Committee will respond to the report and offer additional comments to Parking and Transportation Services.

Graduate Council – Nancy Stotts
The Council completed the review of the masters program in Physical Therapy and the program in Biological and Medical Informatics. The Council also finalized revisions to its bylaws.

Library – No Report

Privilege and Tenure – Gary Armitage
The University Committee on Privilege and Tenure has proposed to the Office of the President the inclusion of the Resolution on Faculty-Student Relations as an appendix in the Faculty Code of Conduct and sexual harassment policy.

Committee on Research – No Report

Rules and Jurisdiction – Julia Faucett
The Committee has implemented revisions as submitted by Senate committees and will submit the revised bylaws to UC Rules and Jurisdiction. Upon approval by UCR&J, bylaws will be presented to the UCSF Senate Division approval.

School of Medicine Faculty Council – Linda Ferrell
The Council approved a curriculum policy on clinical practice examinations and the application process for re-admission to Medical School.

School of Pharmacy Faculty Council – C. C. Wang
The Council is coordinating elections to replace members whose terms will expire and to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair.
UC-Health Sciences Faculty Retirement Task Force – Larry Pitts
The Task Force created a draft proposal which includes elimination of the Academic Program Unit’s requirement that faculty at UCSF be on the same health sciences scale; allows salary negotiations to be conducted independent of retirement issues; and implements a seven percent rate for a defined contribution plan above salary. The Task Force anticipates completion of the final proposal in June.

New Business – None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.